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### Israelis demand Begin ouster

## Shuttered shops mark Arab deaths

TEL AVIV, March 30 (AP) — Shopkeepers in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip closed their stores and Palestinians planned public assemblies Sunday to mark the fourth anniversary of violent anti-government demonstrations that left six Arabs dead.

Israeli troops and police were on alert to quell disturbances linked to "Land Day" observances and Israel's decision last week to construct two Jewish schools in the West Bank town of Hebron.

March 30 has been dubbed "Land Day", the anniversary of violent Arab demonstrations in 1976 against government land seizures in Israel's Galilee district.

Disturbances were reported Sunday morning in two Galilee villages. School pupils called a brief strike but remained inside the school building in Um El-Fahm, and children burned a tire in the village of Arabah, a police spokesman said.

Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem used the occasion for protest of their own against the Hebron decision and Israel's settlement policies.

Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa told the Associated Press that his townsmen were striking in solidarity with the Arabs and to protest Israel's settlement policies. "Our land is in danger," he said. "They want to take it."

An Israeli truck ferrying Arab workers to jobs inside Israel was stoned in Nablus, but no one was injured.

Stores in Ramallah, El Bireh, Hebron and Nablus, and the Arab sector of Jerusalem were closed. Some stores in Bethlehem were open, but it was difficult to determine if those shopkeepers that closed did so because of the strike or because of Palm Sunday observances.

In Gaza, shopkeepers were instructed by the municipality to close their stores for two hours. Troops patrolled the town's main streets, but no incidents were reported.

A police spokesman said permits had been issued for assemblies in four Arab villages inside Israel. "But we won't allow disturbances," he said. "And that includes incitement against the state."

Meanwhile, Israel's "Peace Now" dissidents took heart Sunday from the big turnout

for their first major anti-government demonstration and resolved to push ahead with campaigning for the downfall of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

An estimated 25,000 protesters paraded in Saturday's giant L-shaped demonstration stretching south along the highway from Haifa to Tel Aviv and then east to Jericho. They stood at intervals of between 20 and 100 meters along the 100-mile (160 km) route waving banners calling for Begin's resignation.

"It was very encouraging for a first effort," said David Zuckerman, one of the movement's leaders. He told Reuters: "We shall plan our next steps after the holiday (the Jewish Passover holiday which lasts from April 1 to April 7)."

"We have had demonstrations before, of course. But they were aimed at gathering support for a peace policy rather than against the government. Now we realize there is no prospect of the Begin government adopting a peace policy and we must campaign against it."

The loose aims of the Peace Now movement are to seek moderation in dealing with Israel's Arab neighbors so as to promote comprehensive peace. It has no formal membership and its policies are not rigidly defined.

The movement's new direct anti-Begin drive reflects signs of popular disenchantment with the prime minister who has led Israel for almost three years.

Recent opinion polls have indicated that an election now would bring the opposition Labor party sweeping back to power.

Much of the antagonism to the Begin government is rooted in economic hardships now hounding Israel. But increasingly there is criticism of Begin for his rigid policies toward the occupied Arab lands.

There is growing criticism in the press over Begin's insistence on pushing ahead with Jewish settlement on occupied Arab land, especially in the West Bank Arab city of Hebron.

Former supporters of the government now accuse it of lurching from decision to decision without proper cabinet coordination.

Editor Shalom Rosenfeld of *Ma'ariv*, Israel's largest newspaper and normally a supporter of Begin policies, called over the weekend for government to resign "to save the nation."

The Peace Now, composed largely of Israeli young enough to serve in the military reserves, sprang into being two years ago at a time when it seemed that protracted haggling might jeopardize the peace process launched by President Anwar Sadat's 1977 visit to Jerusalem.

The rallying theme of the movement then was that Israelis who might have to fight in the West Bank and other occupied territories wanted to assure themselves that all possible steps to peace had been explored. After the Camp David summit accords of 1978 the movement applauded Begin for reaching agreement with Egypt.

After a long period of inactivity the movement has revived as a result of disquiet at Israel's growing isolation from the United States and other world opinion. The disquiet is directed at the continuing settlement drive and at Begin's refusal to consider any substantial measure of freedom for West Bank and Gaza Palestinians.

One of the themes in Saturday's demonstration was diversion of scarce housing funds for Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Banners proclaimed: "money for the slums, not for the settlements."

Another Peace Now leader, Yamin Suissa, was quoted in the *Jerusalem Post* as saying: "No one can expect us to stand quietly by while the government steals the money that belongs to us and gives it to a tiny band of fanatics."

## Sadat to send Begin autonomy letter

CAIRO, March 30 (R) — President Anwar Sadat is due to reply to a letter from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin over the next two days on their deadlocked Palestinian autonomy negotiations, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported.

The newspaper gave no further details. The two leaders have exchanged letters over the past few weeks explaining their positions on proposed self-rule for the 1.2 million Palestinians in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza strip.

Sadat told Begin it was essential to meet the target date of May 26 to conclude autonomy talks or a new situation would arise. Last week Begin sent a reply but the contents were not disclosed.

## Italy's Red Brigades group cracked

GENOVA, Italy, March 30 (R) — The secret organization of the Red Brigades, Italy's best-known guerrilla group, may have been cracked by a raid on a Genoa hideout last Friday in which four suspects were shot dead, police investigators said Sunday.

Two rooms crammed with Red Brigades documents were found in the apartment after the raid by para-military carabinieri in which a known urban guerrilla and three previously unsuspected people, one of them a 32-year-old woman teacher, were killed.

Investigators said the documents included



MESSAGE: King Khaled and South Yemen Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad during a meeting Sunday in Riyadh. The minister delivered a message to the King from President Abdul Fatah Ismail.

### Considers self-determination

## U.N. to discuss Palestine

UNITED NATIONS, March 30 (R) — The U.N. Security Council is to meet on Monday to consider proposals for Palestinian self-determination and possible statehood.

It will be the first session on the council on the Middle East situation since the 15-nation body unanimously adopted a resolution three weeks ago, calling for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in occupied territory.

President Jimmy Carter later repudiated the affirmative American vote, asserting it was cast in error, as a result of a communications failure.

If the Arab states persist with demands for

## U.N. Cyprus talks deadline nears with no progress

NICOSIA, March 30 (R) — A United Nations deadline for the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities to return to the negotiating table and settle their differences on this divided island expires Monday with no date set for a meeting.

Local U.N. representatives met officials from both communities Sunday in a vain attempt to secure a last-minute agreement. Failure to bring the two communities together would be mentioned in a report which U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, is to deliver to the General Assembly Monday.

According to a U.N. resolution passed in November an international committee would be set up to investigate the situation if talks between the two communities had not started before the end of the month.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş said, that such a committee would not have automatic access to the self-proclaimed Turkish Federated state of Cyprus. This encompasses the northern part of the island which was divided when Turkish troops landed in 1974.

"Since we were given an opportunity to take part in the relevant U.N. debate, we do not feel bound by the resolutions," he said.

The major obstacle to a resumption of the intercommunal talks, broken off in June, is the wording of a statement which Waldheim would make at the start of any new negotiations.

The statement's contents have not been made public, and this has led to considerable confusion in Cyprus.

The two sides continue to accuse each other of being responsible for lack of progress in getting talks started.

Denktaş is to leave Cyprus on Tuesday for several weeks. He will visit London and then fly to Islamabad for a foreign ministers' conference starting on April 16.

## Italy's Red Brigades group cracked

Begin in a statement last Wednesday marking first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty said he would never permit future negotiations to lead to a Palestinian state.

Egyptian, Israeli and American negotiators on autonomy met last Thursday in Alexandria, but failed to resolve their basic difference.

All three expressed hopes that separate talks in Washington next month between President Carter, President Sadat and Begin would succeed in reconciling their differences.

On Friday, Sadat said he was ready to attend a summit conference with Carter and Begin to break the deadlock.

## Italy's Red Brigades group cracked

a list of more than 5,000 possible victims, including magistrates, carabinieri, police officers, industrialists, doctors, journalists, politicians and civil servants.

Other files contained profiles of state and private organizations and the names of their leaders.

Police Saturday night seized Mario Moretti, allegedly a leading figure in the Red Brigades sources reported Sunday.

Moretti, who is about 47, is suspected by Italian police of being a key figure in planning the kidnapping of Italian elder statesman Aldo Moro in 1978.

## Khaled receives Aden message

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 30 — King Khaled received a written message from President Abdul Fatah Ismail of South Yemen. The message was delivered by South Yemen's Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad, who arrived in the country Saturday.

Muhammad was greeted by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. The prince said the visit was a good opportunity to develop relations between the two countries.

Prince Saud said he would hold talks with Muhammad about ways of keeping the region free of foreign influences and superpower rivalry.

Muhammad said the visit was intended to strengthen relations between the two countries.

This is Muhammad's first visit since becoming foreign minister in the cabinet reshuffle that took place in South Yemen when Ismail took over. Ismail emerged as the country's new strongman following the death of President Salem Rubaya Ali.

Saudi Arabia and South Yemen established normal diplomatic relations in 1976 after a break of nearly a decade that followed British withdrawal from the former colony and protectorate of South Arabia. The National Liberation Front, led by Ali and Ismail, formed the first government in independent South Yemen.

The country, which is strategically located at the southern tip of the Red Sea, has long explored for oil but found none. But has a refinery which was built by British Petroleum in the early 1950's.

## Industry ministers hold discussions

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The French Minister for Light Industries, Jacques Pierre, arrived here for talks with Saudi Arabian ministers.

Pierre, who attended the opening of the exposition La Maison Francaise, will have talks with Dr. Ghazi Al Gosaibi, minister of industry and electricity and Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, minister of commerce.

In related events, French industrial delegates on a short visit to the Eastern Province met with Chamber of Commerce and Industry members. The Chamber president presided over the meeting, which discussed ways of expanding Saudi-French cooperation in commerce—especially in regard to electrical projects and equipment.

### Following India visit

## Arafat arrives in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, March 30 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Abu Dhabi Sunday and was met by United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

Arafat who flew in from New Delhi, will spend a few days in the UAE, the official Emirates News Agency said.

Arafat just completed an official visit to India marking a new milestone in the PLO's drive for international recognition.

During two days of talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on the Middle East and the Afghanistan crisis, Arafat was treated as a head of government.

Mrs. Gandhi was at Delhi airport to see him leave after a beaming Arafat described his visit as "very fruitful."

"We hope the results will soon be seen by everybody," he told reporters.

The PLO leader arrived on Friday, shortly after Mrs. Gandhi's government announced that it was granting full diplomatic status to the Palestinian mission in Delhi.

Arafat said the move would "give a great push forward to the Palestinian cause towards victory."

Referring to the PLO's growing efforts to win similar recognition from European governments, he added: "We look forward to more practical steps in this direction."

A joint statement at the end of the visit said India has repeated its support for the PLO's

demands for a Palestinian homeland and for PLO participation in negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

The statement also repeated a call by Mrs. Gandhi and Arafat for a political and diplomatic solution to the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan.

It expressed their opposition to any military confrontation over the presence of thousands of Soviet troops in Afghanistan in support of President Babrak Karmal's pro-Moscow government.

Mrs. Gandhi has urged the withdrawal of the Soviet troops but has refrained from any outright condemnation of the Kremlin which provides India with large-scale aid.

The joint statement said that Arafat praised India's "balanced, constructive and measured response to the critical situation in the region."

It strongly criticized plans to re-arm some countries in the area because of the crisis, warning that this could be a source of confrontation.

India has been angered by the United States' offer of more weapons to Pakistan which borders Afghanistan.

While in Delhi, Arafat said he had been asked by the Afghan government to mediate between Kabul and Iran which is backing Muslims fighting Karmal.

But he said he had not brought specific proposals on the Afghan situation for discussion with Mrs. Gandhi.

### In March fighting

## 5,000 Afghan casualties reported

NEW DELHI, March 30 (Agencies) — An artillery bombardment and fierce fighting have left more than 5,000 Afghans dead in the eastern provinces of Laghman since mid-March, said a source returned Sunday from Afghanistan.

The source, who has proved reliable in the past, quoted eyewitnesses from the province as saying that many of the victims were women, children and the elderly.

He reported the use of napalm but did not say whether any of the casualties resulted from the jellied gasoline. Earlier reports said Afghan villagers easily escaped napalm attacks by fleeing their homes at the sound of approaching aircraft.

The round of artillery followed an intense attack by Afghan fighters on Metrelam, the provincial capital about 120 kilometers due east Kabul.

Freedom fighters robbled the state-owned Afghanistan bank branch in the city of 100,000, set the building and nearby government offices afire and killed an undisclosed number of officials and members of the Marxist ruling Khalq (People's) party, the



Babrak Karmal

report said.

Police stations and the Metrelam army garrison were damaged in the assault, it said. Laghman was one of the first provinces involved in the rebellion which began after coup ushered in the first of three successive pro-Moscow regimes.

The report said Russian forces were pursuing freedom fighters with Mi-24 helicopter gunships, then bombing and napalming villages believed harboring the anti-government guerrillas in what some observers have called a Soviet "scorched earth" policy.

Residents reaching Kabul said most fighters have left towns and villages for hastily constructed hideouts on mountain slopes.

Afghan troops participating in the Laghman fighting have suffered heavy losses, the report quoted them as saying. However, hundreds of government soldiers have deserted in the past two weeks apparently because the Soviet tactics have resulted in high civilian casualties.

Meanwhile, Afghan leader Babrak Karmal was quoted Sunday as saying there were no more than 15,000 Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan.

Karmal, who came to power with the Soviet military intervention last December, said in an interview with the news weekly *Der Spiegel* the Russians were in Afghanistan merely as a reserve force. The Afghan army is doing the actual fighting, he said.

"The limited contingents from the Soviet Union have been brought to Afghanistan as a reserve army against foreign aggression. They can't interfere in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," he was quoted as saying.

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### Prince asks higher service standards

## Qasim development plans discussed

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The development of Qasim Province was discussed here Sunday during a meeting between Governor Prince Abdul Ilah bin Abdul Aziz, and Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faisal Bashir and heads of various government departments in the province.

The prince urged officials to deploy more efforts in raising the standard of public services and help solve people's problems.

The prince also asked the director of Saudia's office in Qasim to open two new flights a day to Riyadh, and one to Jeddah and a weekly flight from Qasim to Cairo via Jeddah and Riyadh. He further requested the district manager to increase the number of ticket and reservation agents and to rent new building in Buraidah, Unaizah and Al-Ross.

He said that as of Tuesday Qasim airport will, for the first time, receive night flights. He added that there are now three additional flights to Dhahran and three to Medina.

With the director of the Youth Welfare Organization's branch in Qasim, the prince took up the issue of planting trees and flowers around sports grounds of Al-Raed Club in Buraidah, the Youth Welfare Club in Unaizah, Al-Hazm Club in Al-Ross and other sports grounds inside the city.

He pointed out that the costs of the Sports City in Buraidah was SR227 million. The city lies north of Buraidah.

In a separate development the Governor of Tabuk, Prince Abdul Majid bin Abdul Aziz, conferred here Sunday morning with Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi.

Talks dealt with the needs and health projects necessary for the area.

He also conferred with Dr. Saleb Al-Malik, deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs, over projects and requirements of the area's municipalities and the plans set for them.

For his part, Governor of Hail Prince Muqrin bin Abdul Aziz discussed with Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri Hail's future communications projects.

He told reporters that the meeting came within the context of contacts and consultations he was holding with state officials to acquaint himself with the area's projects. He said that the projects are being carried out according to schedule.

**Fines total SR2,150,600**

## Traffic campaign clinches 20,000 violators

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 30 — The stepped-up campaign against traffic violators brought 20,000 tickets in a thirty-day period during February and March, according to police sources.

Jeddah's general traffic commander, Capt. Abdullah Ragban, told Arab News on Sunday that increased and firm application of traffic rules reduced accidents by 40 per cent in the same period, and has resulted in safer traffic for vehicle drivers and pedestrians.

Most of the violations resulted from run-

ning red lights, parking in prohibited places and driving with out licenses or car registration documents, he added. Fines from the violations totalled SR2,150,600.

Capt. Ragban said the campaigns, carried out under the supervision of Lt. Col. Asaad Abdul Karim, Jeddah traffic director, have helped to educate the public and consequently reduce violations.

The police official also cited on taxi drivers to comply with the pricing and urged the public to report violations along these lines. There are strict rules for taxi drivers to put a plate with the license number of their cars

behind the front seat, he added.

He also said that more than 1,000 taxis were stopped because the drivers were under age for owning a taxi. The new government ruling restricts a person under 35 from driving a taxi, and local traffic officials will be firm in dealing in these matters.

Capt. Ragban said the 1,000 taxis were painted other colors according to new rules. He also called on the Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) to increase its operation routes to meet the requirements of the public and help cope with what is known as the "taxi crisis." He confirmed that once the public uses SAPTCO busses, there will be less of a taxi problem.

## BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The president of youth welfare, Prince Faisal bin Fahd, and the chairman of the Arab Sports Union, will open Wednesday meetings of the Executive Bureau of the Arab Sports Union, here. The executive bureau will discuss in the three day meeting future programs of the union and results of the meetings of the general secretaries of Arab sports federation held in Riyadh last month. The agenda includes budgets of the current and next seasons, the union's training courses in sports medicine, sports information and improving the skills of the employees working in its committees and technical cadres.

DAMMAM, March 30 (SPA) — The Quality Inspection Laboratory of the Eastern Province called on importers to comply and adhere to the standard specifications of the Saudi Standard Organization in their imports of food and other materials. It requested that the importers inform the manufacturers of the specifications and importance of complying with them. In addition, foods must have descriptions written in Arabic to ensure that the goods would not be subjected to refusal or they would not be exported again.

SEOUL, March 30 — The Korea Muslim Federation will mark the silver jubilee on the 25th anniversary to the entry of Islam to Korea. An Islamic festival will be held in June which will correspond to the entry of 15th Hejri century. A memorial book will be published in Arabic, English and Korean languages on the occasion to inform the world of the conditions of Islamic and Muslims in Korea and the latest development in Dawa, or call to Islam in that country. The book will contain letters, articles, advices and notes by leading Muslim ulema.

JEDDAH, March 30 (SPA) — Saline Water Conversion Corporation directors and engineers and Glasgow University Professors concluded a two-week long discussion and seminar on ways of improving and applying the latest technology on hand in the desalination field. King Abdul Aziz University Faculty of Engineering students participated in the seminar. At the end of the discussion, Western Province director general of the corporation, Abdulaziz Omar Nasif gave a luncheon in honor of the delegates.

KUWAIT, March 30 (SPA) — The fifth conference of Arab Ministers of Education of Gulf States began here, Sunday. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Oman, Bahrain and Iraq are taking part in the conference. The basic policy for the Gulf University and its academic context, are placed on the top of the conference's agenda. The university will be established in Bahrain. The conference will also discuss future working plans of the Arab Educational Bureau for Gulf States. At the opening session, the Kuwaiti minister of education, Jassem Khaled Al-Marzouk, called for adoption of the modern education methods and concentrating efforts for the cause of the up-coming generations.

## WEATHER

Temperatures will rise in most areas. Low and medium cloud will hang over the central, northern and western regions, and the south-western highlands.

Winds will be southerly and moderate in the eastern, central and north-eastern regions. They will be north-westerly, moderate to active, in the western region during the day, causing sand haze.

Conditions in the Red Sea will be moderate to choppy, and moderate in the Gulf. Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	31	23
Riyadh	36	24
Dhahran	34	21
Medina	34	20
Taif	30	19
Jizan	34	25
Hail	30	12
Turail	23	08
Qaisumah	32	18
Sulayyil	38	22
Abha	24	11



### Ranging from glasses to bedrooms

## French display wares

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, March 30 — French manufacturers and exporters of furniture and other household products are staging the largest exhibition of its kind at the Harithy Exhibition Center.

The exposition, La Maison, opened Saturday with a wide variety of goods ranging from crystal glasses to expensive bedrooms and rustic furniture. One display, a wooden table for 12, is fashioned after tables made by farmers in France hundreds of years ago. The table and its cutlery, also made like those of the middle ages are up for sale and the exhibitors appear confident they can sell a few before returning home.

Denis Lavandier, president and director general of societe commercials et industrielle d'ameublement European, considers himself one of the more satisfied exhibitors. He sells bedrooms. According to Lavandier, a Saudi Arabian furniture dealer walked into his display booth the first day and came out later after buying 250 bedroom arrangements at a cost of about SR2 million.

The dealer gave the buyer the agency for his products and hopes to capture a lot more of the local market. According to the dealer,

Bakhsh Furniture of Jeddah will market the bedrooms.

Both the French government and industry put in a great deal of money and effort in making this exhibition a success. "The government gives us usually 25 per cent of the cost of an exposition and industry contributes the balance," according to Jean Francois De Montavlon, a senior executive of France's international exhibition abroad. Although France exhibitions number about 100 per year, this is the country's second exhibition in Saudi Arabia in ten years.

"This one promises to be a great success because the market is so tremendous compared to 10 years ago," Montavlon said. He also said he was ecstatic about the "positive Saudi Arabian response to French products." He said France is famous for elegant and high quality products from perfumes to crystal glasses, but so far the country has been concentrating on machinery and capital goods.

Most of the 60 exhibitors still do not have agents in the Kingdom, which is one of the largest markets in the world for quality and expensive furniture and household products. Exhibitors say they hope to impress visitors enough to form more during relationships.

## Agriculture fostered by bank

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Saudi Agriculture Bank board of directors decided to contribute a SR76,109,099 to various agricultural projects. These projects include formation of poultry, cattle and vegetable

farms, and loans to Saudi farmers. The board under its chairman, Dr. Abdullah bin Naser also decided to extend for one more year the period offered to agricultural farmers in need of loans process their applications and documents.

## Saudi Comment

By Abdul Rahman Saad Al-Samari  
Al-Jazirah

Despite the clamor about contractees and expatriates, we find ourselves still in great need of the experiences of those people coming from Arab or other friendly countries.

When the state opened its door for the import of aliens, the aim was not to offer them opportunities of sustenance, but to allow natives to benefit from their expertise. Regrettably, we did not do so, but gave them opportunity to profit from their stay in the Kingdom. We now feel annoyed with their presence and get disturbed to see anyone coming to head a department.

This weakness of ours has made expatriates feel the Saudi Arabians do not want benefit, so they themselves began to take advantage of the situation. Having studied the mentality of some of us, the expatriates understood how he should live and gain from those around him. If you ask any expatriate to surmise the situation, he will say, "their life they will not benefit."

Our problem or, so to say, our "drawback," is that some of us are in a haste to "jump" even if it led to failure. We want to occupy high chair straightaway, even if we are ignorant of the nature of the job. Even a destitute amongst us aspires to become a merchant overnight.

Will it not be more prudent to ask ourselves whether we tried to benefit from the experiences of engineers and technicians working with us? Has anyone of us realized that an expatriate has been brought so that natives should learn from his expertise?

Instead of benefitting from their experiences, some of our young men have gone the extent of behaving strangely, believing their actions will harm the companies' alien staff. A little thought will convince it is a mistake. Some companies have offered opportunities to Saudi Arabians youths and placed them in high positions, but they soon vanished because of their conduct.

In fact, they want to work according to their whims: they want to help their friends and relatives and to leave the office before time. If they earn a punishment, they immediately cry "the foreigners are against us."

I am not trying to defend the expatriate workers and companies; I simply want stress that among them there are many rich experiences in different fields. We need to exploit their presence among us and benefit from their skill and knowledge.

## Riyadh road contracts awarded; system to be extended by 33 kms

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Construction of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth portions — totalling 33 kilometers — of the ring road around the capital will start within the coming days.

Contracts for the portions were signed by Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri with a number of Saudi contractors and totalled SR870,724,609. Construction will be completed within 18 months.

The five portions are part of the 90 kilometer dual carriage road separated by an island.

There will be four lanes in each direction in addition to side roads for local traffic.

The width of the road will be 84-100 meters and it will be equipped with all lighting and drainage facilities and surrounded by trees.

The five portions will represent the northern part of the road that will start from Al-Dereya Road at the intersection of the new premises of Riyadh University, east to the intersection of the extension of West of the Ship Road, till the Al-Rawda intersection off Khreiss Road.

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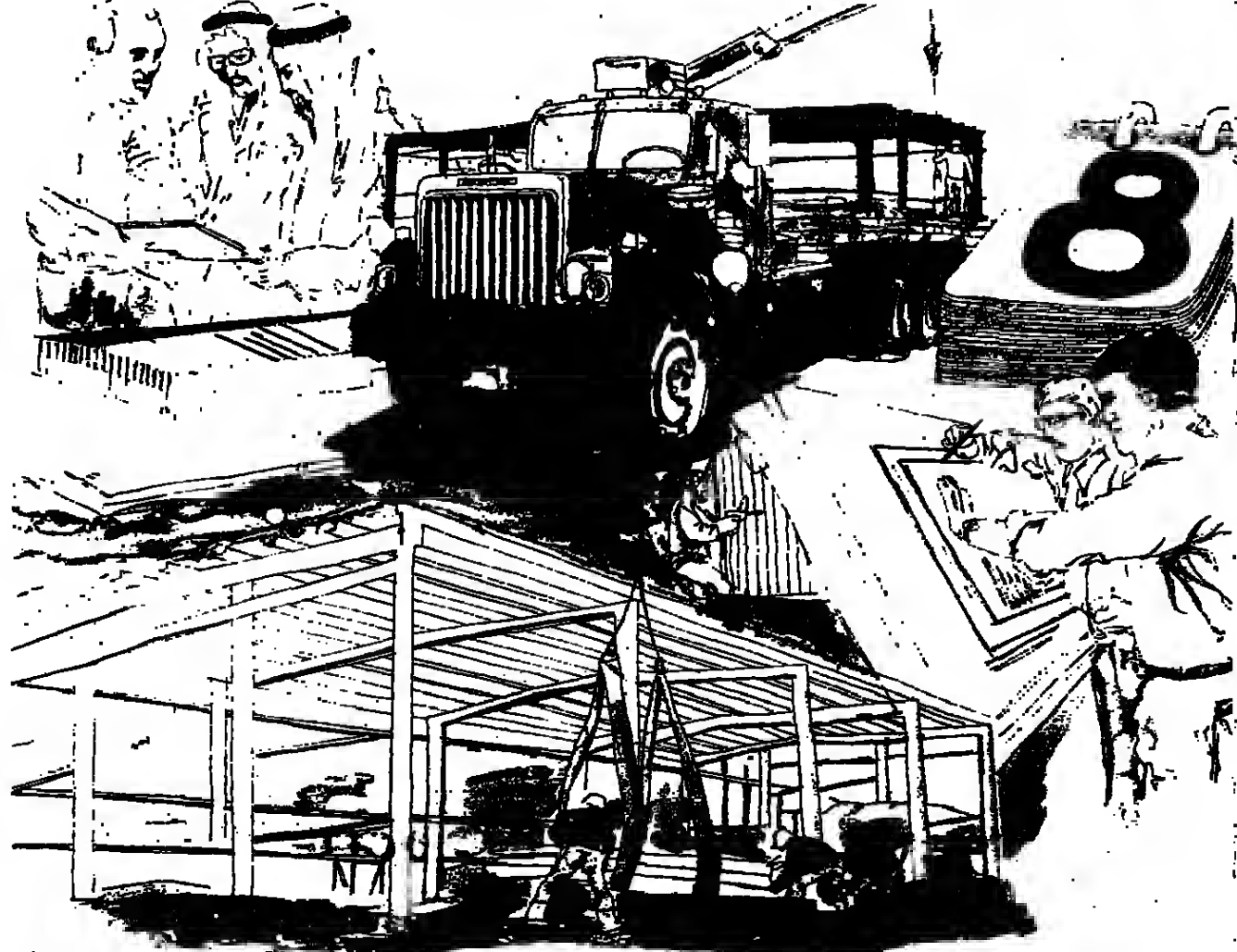
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## N'Djamena gripped by heavy shelling

N'DJAMENA, Chad, March 30 (R) — Heavy shelling resumed Sunday in this war-torn capital between two rival armies fighting to win power in Chad.

As the fighting intensified between the forces of President Goukouni Oueddei and Defense Minister Hissene Habre, who have been trading heavy gunfire for the past nine days, thousands of refugees were fleeing the city, heading for neighboring Cameroon.

In Paris, the French radio reported that the two sides had agreed a ceasefire. French government officials said they were aware of the report but could not confirm it.

Military sources at the heavily defended French airbase here said fighting raged Sunday morning in the western area of the capital.

They said the military situation was one of stalemate, with little progress made by either side but they believed that Habre's forces had a slight edge over their opponents.

The fighting in Chad where a civil war has been going on for more than 15 years, is seen as the outcome of a direct struggle for power by the two northern leaders who last year ousted southern President Felix Malloum and imposed the rule of the north after a week of heavy fighting in the capital.

Since daybreak Sunday heavy shells fell

around the barracks held by some of President Goukouni's forces.

The sources said the obvious aim was to force some 500 Congolese troops on an Organization of African Unity (OAU) peacekeeping force located in the immediate vicinity of the barracks to take refuge at the French base.

They said that Habre was prepared to allow them to leave but would retain all their heavy arms and ammunition.

According to the French, the Congolese, who have never actually functioned as a peacekeeping force since their arrival three months ago, have modern arms and tons of ammunition.

After nine days of almost incessant shelling and shooting, both sides must soon take a hard look at their fast dwindling ammunition stocks, the sources said. They added that Habre's action was clear indication that he may soon be running short of fire power.

The sources said Habre's forces Saturday managed to beat back an attempt by southern leader Abdelkader Wadal Kamougue to open up a second front on the eastern side of the city.

They said Col. Kamougue was obviously trying to give a hand to President Goukouni in exchange for political advantages.

## Israelis planning to empty S. Lebanon, Tweni says

BEIRUT, March 30 (R) — Lebanon's ambassador at the United Nations was Sunday quoted as saying Israel planned to empty southern Lebanon of its population and destroy as much of the area as possible.

In an interview with the Beirut news weekly *Monday Morning*, Ambassador Ghasan Tuani disclosed the reasons for the latest escalation of fighting in South Lebanon.

He said: "Driving the population out of the south is, of course, a strategic objective which is always there. It is in the background, it is recurrent."

"They are determined to destroy as much of the south as possible."

Fierce clashes resumed in South Lebanon earlier this month between Israeli-backed rightist militias and Palestinian-leftist forces.

However the area has been quiet for the past few days, due to an undeclared ceasefire arranged by U.N. peace-keeping troops.

In another development, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican's secretary of state, arrived Saturday for a four-day visit during which he will discuss national reconciliation with Lebanese leaders.

In a press statement on arrival, the cardinal said he hoped current efforts to re-establish security and prosperity in the country would succeed "as the whole world is in need of Lebanon."

He said he brought a message of love from Pope John Paul to all Lebanese.

The Vatican has twice before sent an envoy to discuss with political and religious leaders ways of solving the complicated issues that divide Lebanon.

## Syrian opposition leaders said working for Israel, U.S.

BEIRUT, March 30 (R) — Syrian Premier Abdul-Rauf al-Kasm has accused unidentified former Syrian political leaders of being U.S. intelligence agents helped by the Israelis.

In an interview with the Paris-based Arabic weekly magazine *Al-Mustakbal* he said some of the former leaders were operating out of Israel and caches of arms with Israeli markings had been found in Syria.

Kasm said Syrian authorities had proof that American intelligence was involved in anti-Syrian activities.

"We have the proof. Leaders of the opposition political movement are operating in cooperation with Israel. We also have proof that they are not only cooperating with American intelligence but also serving as its direct agents," he said.

"We have discovered Israeli weapons with Israeli markings still on them. These weapons are still in our possession and it is the first time we reveal this," Kasm said.

Earlier this month President Hafez Assad accused the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency of stirring up rioting and violence in northern and central Syria.

## Khaddam holds talks with Qaddafi

BEIRUT, March 30 (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, met Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Saturday, the Libyan news agency JANA reported Sunday.

The agency gave no details except to say that Dr. Ali Abdul-Salam Tureiki, Libyan secretary for foreign affairs had attended the meeting.

On arrival in the Libyan capital Saturday, Khaddam was quoted by JANA as saying his

visit was to exchange views on the current Arab situation and relations between the two countries.

Both Libya and Syria are members of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" opposed to Egypt's peace moves toward Israel.

The front is expected to hold a meeting next month to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict, but the exact date and venue of the conference have not yet been set.



HITCHING A RIDE: A group of tribesmen, some carrying rifles, hitch a ride on one of the highly-decorated buses which travel over the Khyber Pass between Pakistan and Afghanistan, in the border town of Torkham recently. Hundreds of Afghan tribesmen cross the checkpoint at Torkham each day to sell their goods and to purchase provisions.

Estimated at 600,000

## Pakistan's Afghan refugee problem grows

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, March 30 (AP) — "They are pouring in, more and more every day. At this rate, we will soon have the whole population on Afghanistan over here as refugees," lamented Saffi Fazlurrahman, Pakistan's refugee commissioner.

Half a million Afghan refugees already have been registered and are receiving Pakistani government aid. Fazlurrahman says the total number of refugees is closer to 600,000.

Most came before the Soviet Union intervened in Afghanistan's 23-month-old civil war last December.

"We have had another 48,000 since then. We expect many more in April and May when the snows melt and they will be able to cross over the mountains more easily," Fazlurrahman said.

"If the Soviets launch a spring offensive, we are bound to have a heavy influx. If there is no offensive, then the Afghan rebels are bound to intensify their operations, leading to more fighting, and then we will have a heavy influx of people escaping from danger."

Outside his office, dozens of turbaned Afghan tribesmen waited patiently to petition for aid, doled in small amounts from a pouch.

"We need millions of dollars and other international aid to take care of all these people, and what we have received so far is only a drop in the ocean," he said, without specifying the total to date.

Even with most mountain passes snow-bound, thousands of refugees, trudged over little used paths in recent weeks to escape a Soviet push into Afghanistan's

eastern Konar province, bordering Pakistan's northwest frontier province.

Many refugees said they were carried by helicopter gunships all the way and forced to travel mostly by night.

Some of the refugees, who fled with only a few possessions and the clothes they wore, said many died of exposure in the bitter cold.

Once over the border, they are registered and distributed, among 23 "organized camps," Fazlurrahman said.

The camps dotted along the 4,300-kilometer Afghan-Pakistani border are without sanitary facilities and provide little more than tents for the refugees who sleep on the wet ground, huddling together for warmth. In some places each refugee has been issued one blanket. Water is fetched from nearby rivers.

## Waldheim stresses PLO role

BEIRUT, March 30 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was quoted as saying in an interview published Saturday he still favored an international conference to solve the Middle East conflict with the participation of all sides concerned.

He told the Paris-based Arabic-language weekly magazine *As-Sahar Arab and International* that the participants should include the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and described the Palestine question as the key to a settlement.

Replying to a question on reports about a new Middle East initiative sponsored by Western Europe, Waldheim said: "I have not been officially notified of such ideas and believe a comprehensive settlement for all aspects of the Middle East problem is the only solution."

"In this connection I proposed in the past — and this is what I reiterate holding an international — conference in which all parties concerned take part, including the Palestinians represented by the PLO," he added.

Waldheim went on: "I do not know the appropriate time for such an initiative. A number of developments have to be awaited before such a course becomes a reality."

## Goats face slaughter in Jordan

AMMAN, March 30 (OFNS) — Jordan may slaughter its entire population of black goats and replace them with white sheep as part of the United Nations-sponsored world conservation strategy designed to preserve natural resources.

According to Dr. Subhi Qasem, dean of the agriculture faculty at Jordan's Yarmouk University, the black goats harm the land by uprooting many of the plants on which they feed. They are also thought to eat earth.

"They are the biggest pest in Jordan," said Qasem. "They eat 20 to 30 per cent of the trees planted each year and contribute to soil erosion."

The eating habits of white sheep are less harmful to the land. They cannot feed on hillside vegetation, which retains soil. The white sheep will probably be imported from Australia and New Zealand.

Before making the decision, experiments will be carried out at the university. A 25-acre plot will be used to compare how quickly fertile land turns to desert when grazed by goats, sheep or left unfarmed.

## Qatar ruler gets note from Carter

DOHA, March 30 (R) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter has written to the Ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, on the current international developments, the official Qatar news agency said Sunday.

It said the letter was delivered to the ruler Sunday by U.S. Ambassador Andrew Kilgore.

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# Kielland men shrugged at storm

## Workers played as platform split in raging seas

OSLO, March 30 (AP) — When the storm began hitting the *Alexander I. Kielland* "hotel" platform for North Sea oilmen Thursday night, nobody paid much attention to it — the 213 men aboard the 10,000-ton steel structure had seen worse.

No one worried much about the 96 kmh winds and 1.8 m waves pounding the French-built platform floating on five pontoon-supported legs in the Norwegian Edda oilfield.

Some men ate in the restaurant on the five-story structure, open round the clock serving steaks and smoked salmon. Work on the rigs tapping the North Sea's oil never stops.

Some slept in their cabins after a 12-hour shift. Another fifty, including Norwegian engineer Olav Skotheim, 28, went to the movie theater on the bottom level of the giant structure in the sprawling Ekofisk field 320 kms south of the Norwegian coast.

Thursday's film was *Jeremiah Johnson* a Robert Redford epic about an American in mountain man who survives a fierce winter in the Rocky Mountains against all odds.

The movie had just started. Then, at 1733 GMT, the unthinkable happened — the platform began to capsize. The men aboard were soon themselves fighting for their lives in the world's worst offshore oil field disaster, with 39 known dead so far and 85 men missing, now presumed dead in the icy waters.

Skotheim said the light went out, plunging the bewildered men into confusion. Some screamed in terror as one side of the platform slipped into the turbulent sea.

One of the legs of the platform, built to withstand 30-meter waves, had collapsed.

Some experts believe that it could have collapsed because the storm punctured the air-filled leg or possibly because one of the cables anchoring the semi-submersible platform to the sea bed broke, putting excessive strain on the leg that collapsed.

Skotheim said he heard "two loud bangs followed by another bang soon after". Thirty seconds later the platform was listing dangerously at 45 degrees.

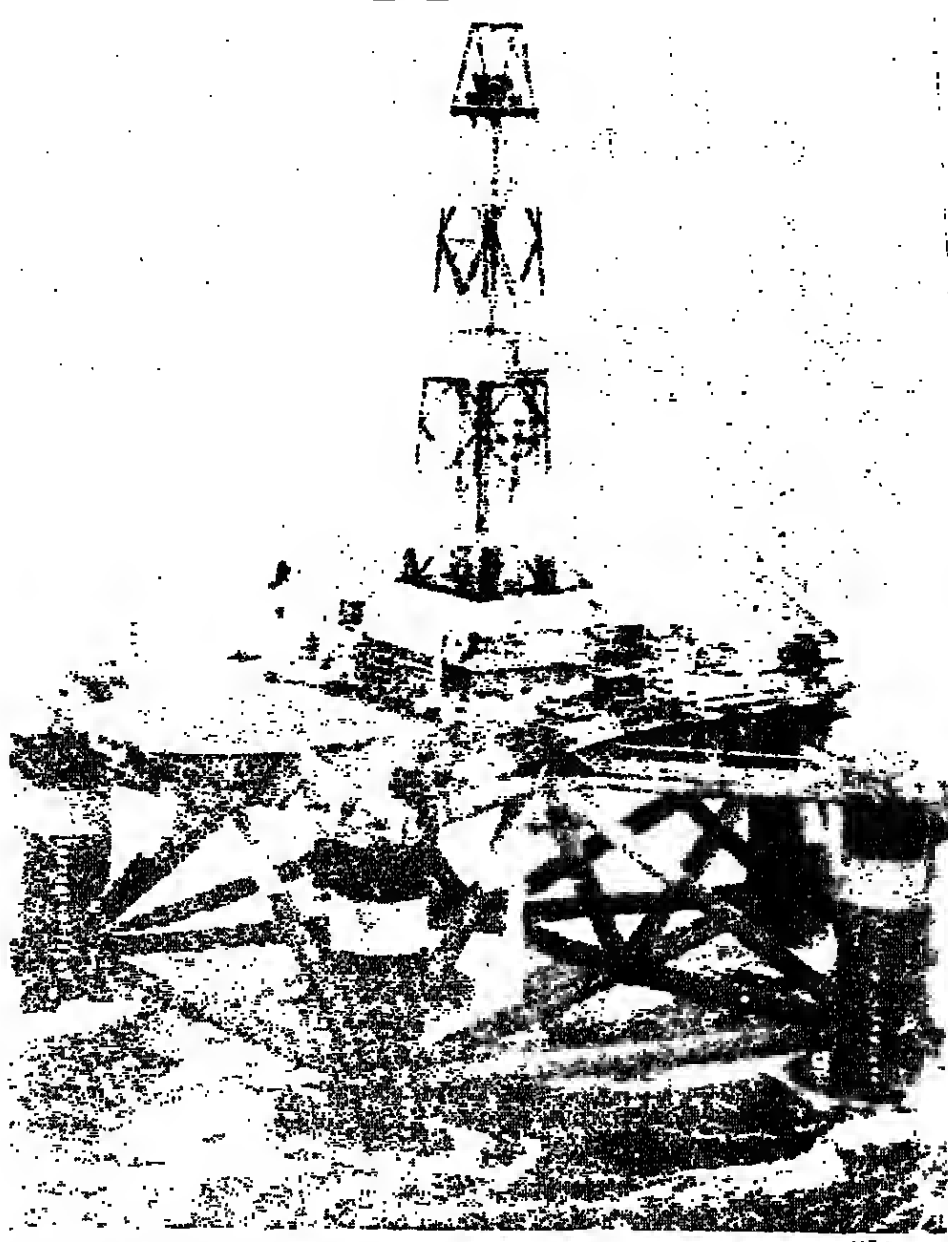
Alarm bells sounded, adding to the confusion. No one knew what had happened.

The heavy structure continued to tip over, pulling men up against the wall in heaps.

Rescue officials believe most of the casualties were among the men who were sleeping or in the theater.

It was all over in 20 minutes. The *Alexander I. Kielland*, a marvel of modern engineering, became a tomb for the men trapped inside 27m under water.

British oilman Tony Silvester, who was in



CAPSID: A stock picture from the French firm that built the *Alexander I. Kielland* "hotel" platform shows a similar rig in operation. The *Kielland* flipped in a North Sea storm Thursday.

the cinema, said "it seemed as though a big wave hit the platform."

The quick-thinking Skotheim clawed his way to the door of the movie theater, raced to his cabin and grabbed his survival gear. Not many of the others got to their orange-colored thermal survival suits.

Then, with the water gushing in, he pulled himself up the stair rail to the deck, already awash. He planned to jump into the sea and swim for a drilling rig 91m away.

A metal catwalk linking the rig to the *Alexander I. Kielland* was torn in two when the platform collapsed just as drilling crews were changing.

Skotheim was plucked from the deck by a

big wave and struck out for the rig. "It was murder in that water," he said. "I was exhausted after I'd only swim 20 or 20 meters."

He was saved by a crane operator on the rig who lowered him a wire basket and pulled him to safety. Others were not so lucky.

Rescue officials said nearly all the survivors were found in lifeboats or life vests. Few survived for long in the icy water.

Survivors reported panic. Fear-stricken men jammed the door from the movie theater, preventing others from getting out. On the crazily tilting deck, some men grabbed life jackets and threw themselves into the big waves.

Since coming to power after the overthrow of rightist President Carlos Humberto Romero (no relation to the archbishop) the junta has been faced with one crisis after another, including the ever-present threat of a coup.

Only three days ago three cabinet ministers resigned in protest against the junta's inability to control the fighting between opposing political groups which in just over five months has claimed more than 700 lives.

Romero, a Nobel peace prize nominee last year, will be buried in a crypt inside the Metropolitan Cathedral.

## Conductor Mantovani dies at 74

LONDON, March 30 (R) — Conductor Annunzio Mantovani, whose lilting string arrangements gained him a world-wide reputation, died Saturday night at the age of 74, his family said Sunday.

He died in a nursing home south of London after a long illness, his son-in-law, Beverley Mott said.

Mantovani first became popular in the early 1950's with his lulling melodies and cascading strings.

His music became known as a stepping stone to the classics and his record *Charmaine* was one of the greatest sellers ever.

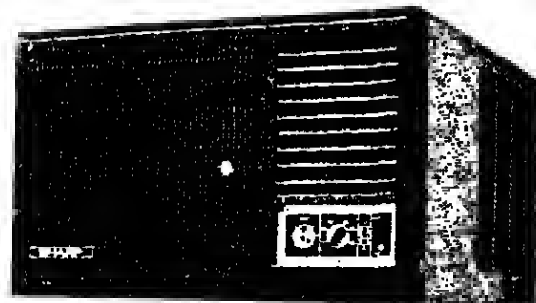
Mantovani made his last recording in the

mid-1970's and ill health ended his career, which began when he gave a public performance as a violinist at the age of 16.

He was born in Venice but at the age of four was brought to London with his family and in 1935 he became a British subject.

Mantovani's father wanted him to be an engineer but his mother supported his musical aspirations. He first led small ensembles and orchestras at hotels, then made radio broadcasts and signed his first recording contract in 1940.

But in took 10 years for the stylistic charm of his arrangements, known as "tumbling strings," to bring him world-wide fame.



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## Male Isabella for today's Columbus

## British colonel judges would-be explorers

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP) — Time was when a man with an itch to find a lost city or discover a new world could kneel before a king or queen and promise to plant the flag in return for three ships and some money.

Today, many would-be explorers go to see a British career military man in London to argue the importance of digging or studying or charting in the interest of scholarship, science and mankind.

Even without a pith helmet, Lt. Col. John Blashford-Snell of the Royal Engineers, head of the Scientific Exploration Society, looks like a screen director's vision of the unflappable explorer, the man who would know what to do when all seems lost and provisions have run out.

The 44-year-old master explorer has led at least 17 British expeditions, including one through the nearly impassable Darien Gap in Panama, and another retracing David Stanley's voyage on the Zaire (Congo) River.

When he's in London, and not cutting his way through some jungle, Blashford-Snell listens to archaeologists, historians and a variety of scientists, all of whom have projects to study and places to explore and no money. If the ideas seem valid, he tries to arrange backing through private and government sources.

"You'd think it had all been done, but then you'd be amazed at the number of

worthy, fascinating projects they come up with," he said during a recent interview here. "Problem is, there just isn't enough money now for them all."

When someone thought up a round-the-world voyage designed to spark the spirit of adventure and scientific discovery in young people, and timed to coincide with the 400th anniversary of Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation of the globe, he thought of Blashford-Snell — and his friend and heir to the British throne, Prince Charles.

The prince became the patron of Operation Drake. Former U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Walter Annenberg, put up \$100,000 in seed money. Many other sponsors followed suit, and Blashford-Snell became project director.

One of his functions is to interview potential young explorers (only some 300 will have been chosen out of 58,000 applicants for the two-year project), asking them to prove their mettle by weighing a box of tools. It also helps to have a sponsor willing to put up \$5,000 to defray the cost of the trip.

One young woman, he said, faced with a box that wouldn't curl up nicely to be weighed, looked the snake in the eye, boisted it on her shoulders and stepped on the scale — then she weighed herself alone.

Operation Drake set sail in November

1978 aboard the Brigantine *Eye of the Wind* out of Plymouth, England. So far, the expedition has explored the coast of Panama and called at the Fiji Islands and Papua New Guinea.

It will soon begin the final nine-month phase that will take ship and crew plus 24 young explorers and nine experienced adults, including Blashford-Snell, to Sulawesi in the East Indies, the Chagos Archipelago in the Indian Ocean and Port Sudan at the southern end of the Red Sea.

Scientific research projects await the explorers at each stop.

In Papua New Guinea, one young man financed by the society found an important coal field. Another is looking for \$3,000 to finance a voyage in a Melanesian war canoe from New Guinea to the New Hebrides Islands to test a theory he developed about Pacific migration.

When he finished interviews with potential explorers, Blashford-Snell mingled with his peers at the 75th annual Explorers' Club dinner here Saturday. There, "the great names, the aspirants and the armchair explorers" dined on such things as lion steaks and lamb's eyeballs.

Many of us have been to gatherings where at least one man — or an occasional woman — has done something dangerous and wonderful in a remote corner of the earth and returned to tell the tale.

## Mrs. Ceausescu named to key Romanian post

VIENNA, March 30 (R) — Romanian first lady Elena Ceausescu has been named a first deputy prime minister, the highest government post held by a woman in a Communist country.

In a government reshuffle reported by Agerpres news agency, the wife of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu became one of three first deputy premiers, increasing her already considerable power.

Mrs. Ceausescu, 61, is also a member of the Communist party central committee, the policy-making political executive committee and the party's select permanent bureau.

Last year she quietly took over the key position of chairman of the commission for party and state cadres, which put her in charge of the party's secret card index on Communist officials.

Until now, her only government post had been chairman of the national council of science and technology, which made her automatically a member of the council of ministers (cabinet).

Several other members of the Ceausescu family are in senior jobs. One of the president's brothers, Ion, is deputy minister for agriculture, another brother, Ilie, is a general and a third, Marin, a diplomat in Vienna.



President Ceausescu

The Ceausescu's son Nicu, elected a candidate member of the central committee at last year's party Congress, was named Saturday as a secretary of the Grand National Assembly.

Another new first deputy premier named at a session of the Grand National Assembly (parliament) in Bucharest was Ion Dinca, previously one of eight deputy premiers and minister for industrial construction.

Gheorghe Oprea, previously the only first deputy prime minister, keeps his post.

## Viet president Thang dies in Hanoi at 91

MOSCOW, March 30 (AP) — President Ton Duc Thang of Vietnam has died in Hanoi at the age of 91, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Sunday.

The president had been ill since August, and last week the Voice of Vietnam described his condition as "very grave." Tass did not report on which day Thang died or the cause.

Thang had filled the largely ceremonial post president since 1976. A veteran Vietnamese revolutionary, his roots were in the south. He was also a member of the central committee of the Vietnamese Communist party.

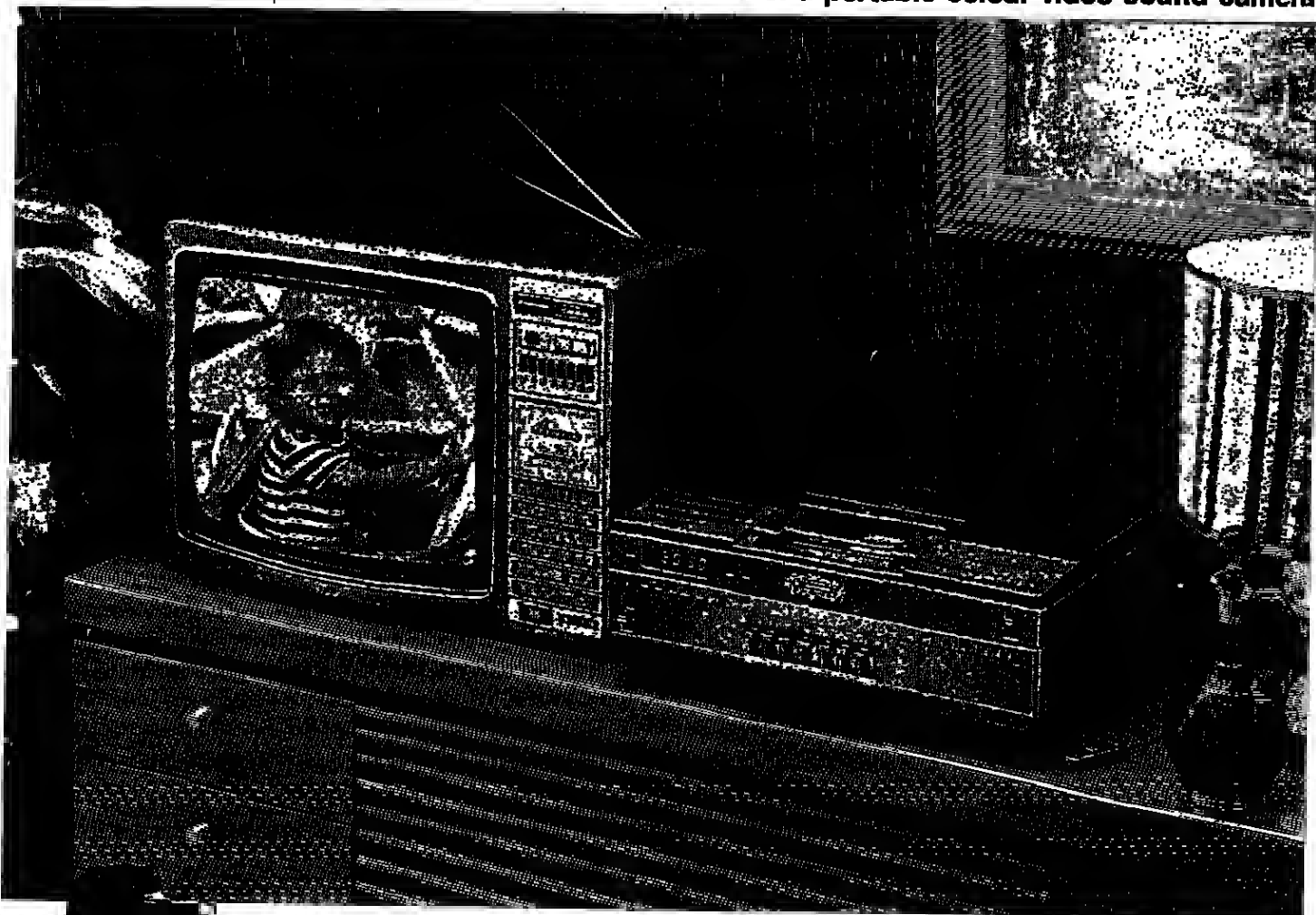
Thang joined the party in 1930. He spent 16 years imprisoned in a penal colony run by Vietnam's French colonial rulers because of his revolutionary work.

With the establishment of a Communist state in North Vietnam he served as vice-chairman and the chairman of the standing committee of the National Assembly. In 1960 he was made vice president of North Vietnam and became president in 1969.

According to Soviet biographies Thang was born Aug. 20, 1898 to a peasant family in what was then South Vietnam. He worked in a Saigon factory until 1912, when he joined the French navy in France.

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## In light-heavyweight rematch

## Muhammad retains title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, March 30 (AP) — Matthew Saad Muhammad, who retained his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title Saturday by flooring challenger John Conteh an incredible five times in the fourth round, says his performance came as no surprise.

"I told you once and I'll tell you again, I will never let anyone take the title from me," he said. "I'm no Muhammad Ali. I'm just a new Muhammad on the mountain, seeking my own identity. My goal now is to get the other half of the title."

Muhammad said he'd like to meet the winner of the Marvin Johnson-Eddie Gregory World Boxing Association title fight, which will take place Monday in Knoxville, Tennessee, to unite the title.

Muhammad said he realized Conteh was in trouble after a vicious fight stuned the Englishman and then a left sent him to the canvas for the first time, 30 seconds into the fourth round.

Muhammad was relentless in his pursuit of Conteh, evidenced by his unmerciful attack against a defenseless challenger.

"I saw his legs going very wobbly after the first knockdown," he said. "I knew I had to

## Brazilian wins Grand Prix pole position

LONG BEACH, California, March 30 (R) — Nelson Piquet of Brazil started the U.S. Grand Prix (West) in the pole position after his Brabham smashed the lap record three times in the final qualifying session Saturday.

Piquet, 27, one of the "young lions" of motor racing, broke the grip of the Ferraris, which have started in pole position in the four previous Grand Prix races run through the tortuous, twisting stress of this sun-baked Pacific port city.

Gilles Villeneuve of Canada, who set the lap record last year with a speed of 148.4 kph (92.255 mph), will start in 10th position for Ferrari, six places ahead of teammate Jody Scheckter of South Africa.

Piquet slashed fractions of seconds off Villeneuve's record on three qualifying laps to build up the speed record to 150.5 kph (93.598 mph). His time for the 3.4 kilometer (2.0 mile) course was one minute 17.694 seconds.

This will be the first time Piquet has started from the pole, although he is lying third in the world drivers championship standings with nine points.

"My car is running very, very well and I hope to finish the race in the first three," he said.

Paying the way for fast times, the next four on the starting grid — Rene Arnoux of France in a Renault, Patrick Depailler of France in an Alfa Romeo, Jan Lammers of Holland in an Arco and Alan Jones of Australia in a Williams — also broke Villeneuve's old lap record.

## Winds exasperate Lopez

## Tewell ties Pate in Heritage Classic

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 30 (AP) — Doug Tewell, one of the last men on the course, birdied two of his last three holes to complete a 5-under-par 66 and the Jerry Pate for the second-round lead Saturday in the rain-delayed \$300,000 Heritage Golf Classic.

Tewell and Pate, who had a second-round 69, finished 36 holes with matching total of 135, 7 shots under par on the water-logged Harbour Town golf links.

Tewell, a 30-year-old who has yet to win in five full years on the Professional Golf Association tour, got his share of the lead with a 18-20 foot birdie putt on the final hole.

"It was a slam-dunk," Tewell said of the putt that put him in a tie for the top. "I'd left one short on the 17th and I wasn't going to do it on the 18th ball hit the back of the cup, jumped up in the air and then went in the hole."

The tournament schedule was set back one full day by heavy rains that left the course spotted by pools and puddles of water.

A double round of 36 holes is scheduled Sunday — weather permitting. More showers are forecast.

"Any more rain and we'll be in trouble," said Hale Irwin. "The course is saturated."

The wet conditions, soft greens that held shots well, and an absence of wind, produced some extremely low scoring. The best was by tour sophomore Scott Simpson, who came within 1 stroke of the course record with a 64.

He was tied at 137 with John Mahaffey and Leonard Thompson, each of whom had a 69.

Masters champion Fuzzy Zoeller shot a 65, with a bogey on the 18th hole. He had one string of four consecutive birdies, and was tied at 138 with Irwin, who had a 67.

"I was just trying to get myself into position for tomorrow," said Irwin, the current U.S. Open champion. "With 36 holes tomorrow,

pace myself and take my time and I would finally get him."

Muhammad, a former Philadelphia street fighter, was not surprised that Conteh kept getting to his feet "that makes a good champion, but it proved I was a better champion."

"He gave me a very exciting fight up to when I stopped him. But I was not surprised he kept going down," said Muhammad. "I am a very strong puncher. I was physically and mentally together for this fight."

Conteh, who was floored twice in the 14th round in their first meeting, said he never really recovered after being knocked down the first time.

"I didn't realize how many times I went down. But I knew it was more than once," Conteh said. "I realized I was getting up, but I didn't realize how many times."

The fight was a rematch of Muhammad's controversial 15-round unanimous decision over Conteh Aug. 18, also at Resorts International Hotel Casino.

The WBC ordered the rematch after it was found that Muhammad's corner used an illegal adrenal in chloride solution mixed with ground tea leaves to stop the bleeding from a cut above his left eye. He sustained the injury from a Conteh hit in the fifth round.

Muhammad's trainers, Adolph Ritacco and Nick Belfiore, subsequently were suspended by the WBC and the New Jersey Athletic Commission.

The 25-year-old Muhammad, 25-3-1, started slowly Saturday. That was in contrast to their first fight, when the Philadelphia boxer fired after going all out in the early rounds. This time, he scored with crisp combinations through the first three rounds, but inflicted no damage on the 28-year-old Conteh, who weighed 175 pounds.

Muhammad, also 175-pounder, was an easy winner of the early rounds as Conteh was content to assume a defensive posture and pick his spots to throw left jabs.

In Knoxville, Tennessee the manager of challenger Mike "Hercules" Weaver expressed concern Saturday over the proposed use of Big John Tate's personal physician and another friend at ringside for Monday night's World Boxing Association heavyweight championship fight.

"I got an anonymous call from someone who told me that Dr. Robert Whittle would be the authorized physician at ringside, the official physician for the fight," said Don Manuel, Weaver's manager.

"We don't want him making the decision to stop the fight. We don't know what to do," Manuel also said that a friend of Tate's manager, Ace Miller, had been named time to man the bell at ringside.

"We hope we will bring these issues up at a rules meeting Sunday," Manuel said. "We hope we can get it all ironed out."

At Tate's training camp, Whittle, a ring physician for 25 years who also has served the WBA champion, said he had been assigned by the Tennessee State Athletic Commission to ringside duty. But he said his integrity and ability had never been questioned before.

that's a lot of golf to be played and a lot of ground can be made up," Irwin said.

Tewell opened his round with a 40-foot birdie putt.

Johnny Miller, who capped his comeback with a recent victory in the Nymerrary Classic, shot a 68 that could have been much better. He missed at least four putts of six feet or less. "I shot 64, but it turned out to be a 68," Miller said.

He was at 140.

Joe Luman shot a 65 for 141.

Arnold Palmer who won the first Heritage Classic in 1969, rewarded his large, appreciative and loudly-vocal gallery with a 69 that put him at 144.

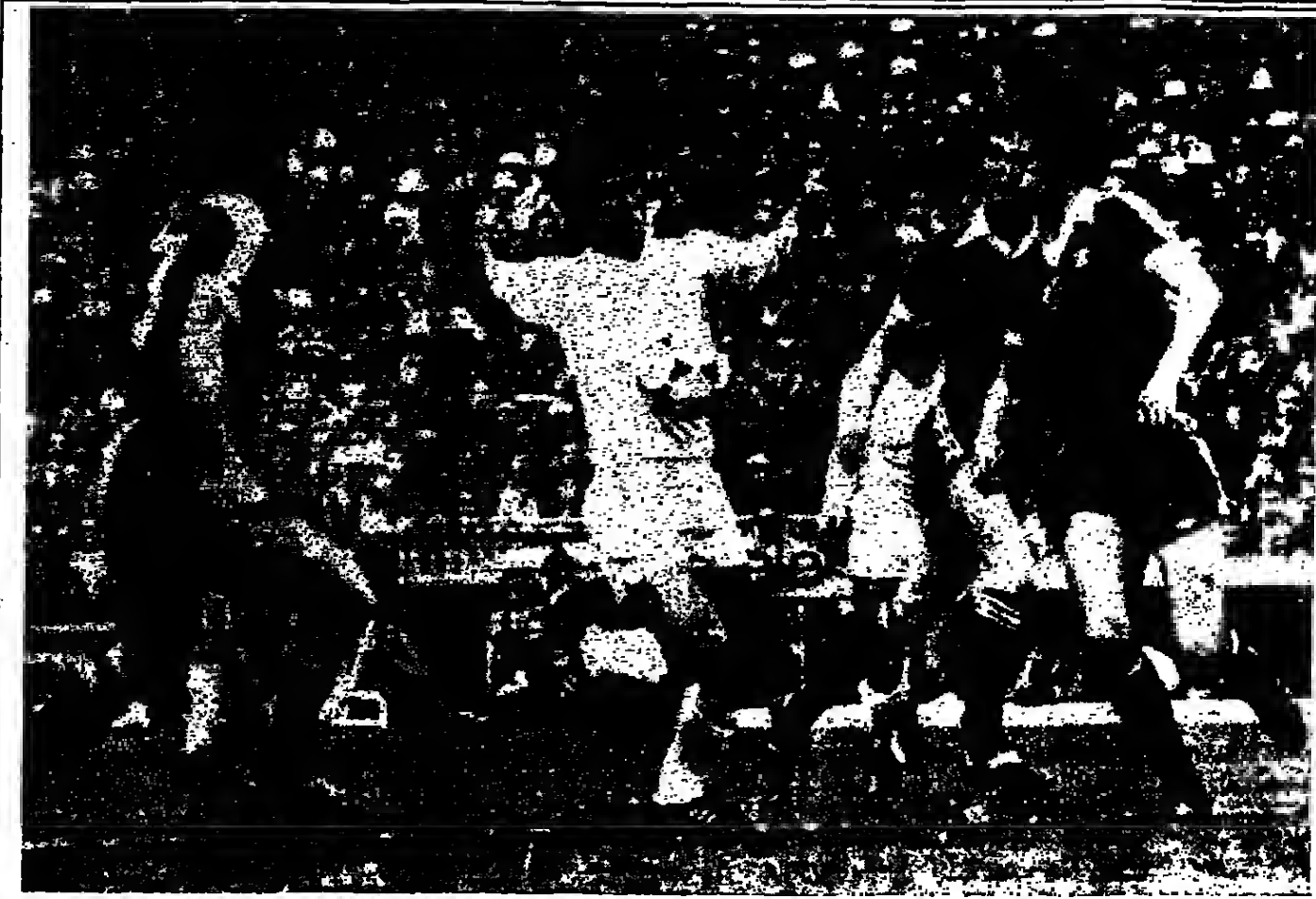
Defending champion Tom Watson and South African Gary Player could do no better than match par 71, however, they were tied at 141, 6 shots back.

Lee Trevino, a winner last week, improved from an opening 77 to a 69 but failed to qualify for the final two rounds Sunday. In order to facilitate two rounds of play the field was cut to the low 50 scorers, instead of the usual 70.

In Costa Mesa, California, Jo Ann Washam and Debbie Massey, overcoming conditions that frustrated the field, tied for the third-round Saturday with 1-over-par scores in the \$10,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament at Mesa Verde Country Club.

Washam and Massey held a one-stroke lead over Nancy Lopez-Melton and Hollis Stacy, who watched early leads vanish in the wind.

"I would just like to thank God that I am still in the tournament," said an exasperated Lopez-Melton, who ballooned to 77 a day after tying a tournament record with a 5-under-par 66.



**SURROUNDED:** A lone Real Madrid player, Santillana, is under pressure controlling the ball as three Celtic players prepare to pounce in the second leg of the European Cup quarterfinals. Cup holders Celtic had their dreams shattered, however, when they were defeated by Real, 3-0. Celtic won the first leg in Scotland 2-0.

## Of Olympics boycott

## Senate leader blasts U.S. allies non-support

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — U.S. Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd said he is "sick and tired" of a lack of support from American allies for U.S. actions in Iran and Afghanistan.

"It almost makes me vomit to think of the hemming and bawling, the vacillating, the waiting," Byrd said at his weekly news conference.

He was referring specifically to many nations' apparent reluctance to support President Jimmy Carter's plans for an international boycott of this summer's Olympic games in Moscow. But he also said European allies should cooperate more in economic moves designed to push Iranian leaders toward releasing the U.S. hostages.

Byrd said he and other senators have been briefed on new actions Carter plans to take against Iran this week, but he said the actions — which he would not describe — will not be "overly dramatic."

"What is really needed is for our allies to intensify their pressure on Iran," he said.

The Senate's majority leader said he told Carter Friday in a telephone conversation that he strongly supports the boycott as a "matter of principle" to protest Soviet military activity in Afghanistan.

"It's beyond me why our allies can't see the principle that is involved here," he said.

"Suppose Soviet paratroops were landing in France? How would the French feel about that?" he asked.

Byrd said the U.S. Olympic Committee should decide officially whether to support the boycott, should act promptly to support Carter's decision. "That prompt showdown might help our European allies to muster enough patriotism to do the same," he said.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has not officially said it will back Carter, although most committee officials have said the organization will go along with the boycott. Many U.S. athletes, have said however they want to compete in Moscow.

The White House said Friday Carter could take action to prevent athletes from going to Moscow, but did not say what those steps might be.

NBC said in a statement issued in New York that it would comply with the government's order rights. Much of that is covered by insurance.

"Why can't our allies see the principle involved?" Byrd said. "The purpose is to make the Soviets pay a price for the murder

## U.S., Soviets post wrestling victories

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 30 (AP) — National teams from the Soviet Union and the United States posted impressive victories Saturday during the first round of the eighth World Cup of Amateur Wrestling.

The powerful Russian team, unbeaten since this competition began seven years ago, defeated Canada and an African continental squad by identical 10-0 scores.

The American team opened the round-robin competition with a 10-0 victory over Japan.

Eight of the 10 Americans wrestling won by pins.

The second session Saturday sent the U.S. against Canada and the Soviet Union against Japan.

The Soviet team, with three former Olympic gold medalists, will face the United States Sunday in the closing session.

## Navratilova, Austin, meet in California

CARLSBAD, California, March 30 (AP) — Martina Navratilova and Tracy Austin advanced to the finals of a \$200,000 four-woman tennis event with victories here Saturday.

Navratilova turned aside a match point and came back to defeat Billy Jean King, 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, while Austin downed Australian-born Exon Goolagong Cawley 6-4, 6-3.

Austin and Navratilova, who battled last week in New York for the \$100,000 winner's prize, will be in the same situation Sunday.

King and Cawley play for third and \$30,000, and fourth, which carries a \$20,000 prize.

Austin and Cawley produced a match of severe fluctuation. Cawley went ahead 4-1 in the first set, then lost eight straight games to surrender that set and fall behind 3-0 in the second.

The 28-year-old Cawley rallied to win three games in a row and evened the set. But Austin won the final three games to close the match.

"Even though I did get up, I didn't feel I was really in the match," said Cawley. "I didn't have the touch I needed, I wasn't able to do what I wanted with the ball."

Austin was uncharacteristically erratic with her ground strokes early in the contest but settled down mid-way through the first set. Cawley could not control her serve well enough to take the net and place the kind of pressure on the 17-year-old that she would have preferred.

The victory evened the life-time series between Austin and Cawley at three wins apiece.

The King-Navratilova contest turned out a match point at 5-4 in the second set, which got away from King after Czechoslovakian-born Navratilova received a favorable bounce on a ball that hit the top of the net. King reacted in time to lift the ball back, but Navratilova was there to put away the point.

With immediate defeat averted, Navratilova broke King's serve to set the second set at 5-5, then won a tie-breaker, 7-4.

With momentum in her favor, Navratilova broke King's serve to open the third set and swept through it looking more powerful than she had at any time previously in the match.

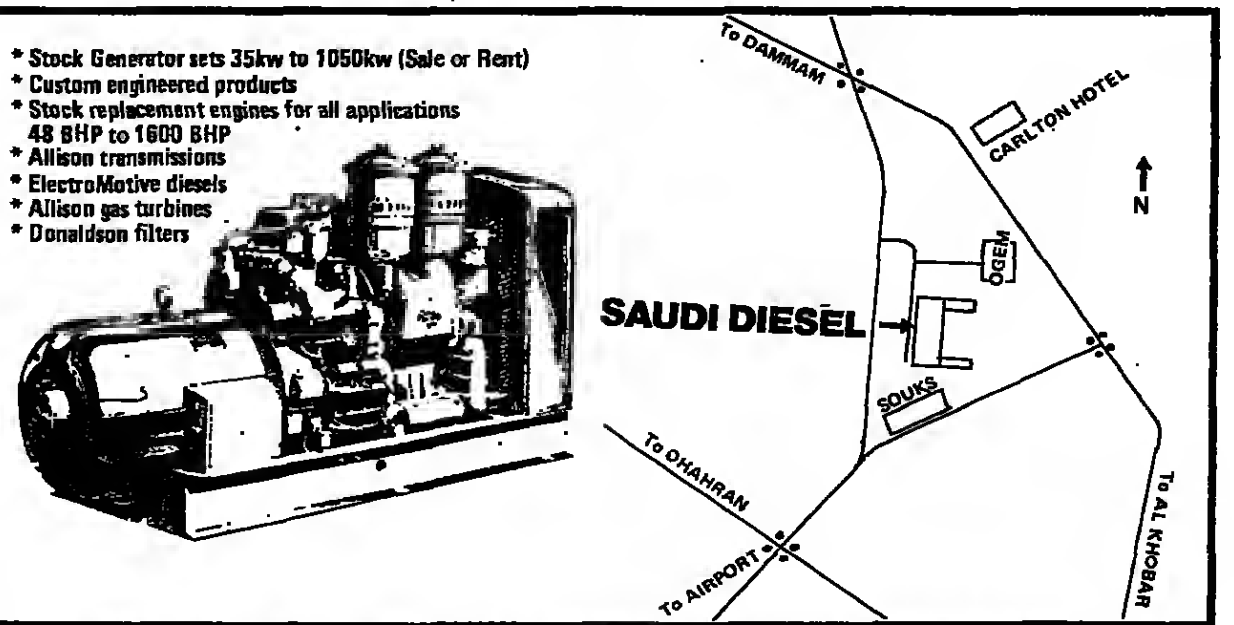
King played a service break in the fifth game to win the opening set and came from a service break behind to lead the second set and have the opportunity to serve for the match.

"At that point, I thought it was all over," said Navratilova. "I hadn't been able to break her serve all day."

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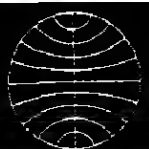
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## What hope in the Middle East?

By Lord Caradon

After another visit to the Middle East, this time to both sides of the Jordan, I come back trying to assess the prospects for peace. My conclusion is anxiously optimistic, but I must not neglect to give due weight to the formidable obstacles which still stand in the way of a settlement — a settlement to give security to the three to four million Israelis and freedom to the three to four million Palestinians. Both are now possible, but not one without the other.

The principal obstacle is the policy of the present Israeli government, the policy of ruthless annexation of Arab Jerusalem and the West Bank and Gaza. That policy is being hurriedly and relentlessly pursued particularly in the rapid concrete encroachment of Jerusalem. I was specially impressed by the large-scale bulldozing and building of great blocks of fortress tenements to the east of the city.

The second obstacle is the policy of the United States government which continues to enable the Israeli government to carry out its policy of annexation. While the U.S. does not directly subsidize the annexation activities in effect it does so by continuing to provide Israel with massive money and arms, meanwhile making frequent confusing and conflicting statements about the future of Jerusalem and the West Bank.

There is a third obstacle, more difficult to define but also important. It is the failure of the Israelis to show understanding of the Palestinians and their cause. Having lost the greater part of the Palestine which was once theirs, the Palestinians now have good reason to fear that they will soon lose control of all the rest forever. And meanwhile they suffer the humiliations and injustices of a subject people. Their land and water are being gradually expropriated and their right to organize politically and to communicate their case to the outside world is obstructed. The Palestinian mayors are prevented from taking joint political action and from reporting their grievances to the United Nations and elsewhere in the world. The Palestinian people are meanwhile sometimes subject to curfews, night arrests, detentions and imprisonment in terrible conditions, and in a few cases to torture even of schoolchildren. The deep bitterness and indignation caused by the military occupation is one of the main factors in the present situation.

And it is depressing to read in the Israeli press the accusation that any international concern about these complaints, any attempt to search for the means to end the gathering tragedy, is due either to a selfish obsession with supplies of Arab oil or to anti-semitic prejudice. The *Jerusalem Post* spoke of "European leaders seeking to wrangle their way into the Arabs' favor on a Palestine plank... at the gate of the new oil-soaked paradise".

What more can be said about the obstacles to peace, about the Israeli and American policies and about the failure to show any understanding and sympathy and compassion for the Palestinian people?

First, the policies and decisions of the present Israeli government are apparently losing the support of their own people, as they are certainly gravely alienating international opinion. Abba Eban says "The truth is that our rule over Judea,

Samaria and Gaza is based on coercion rather than agreement. It is therefore out of accord with the first principle of democratic government, which is that 'Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed' and he goes on to say, with reference to talk of so-called 'full autonomy', that 'Autonomy is a positive idea which has become empty of its content'.

Second, the U.S. government by its recent actions and statements and its contradictions at the United Nations has forfeited, temporarily at least, a dominating and leading position in Middle East affairs.

Third, there are growing indications that the suppression of human rights amongst Palestinians is a matter of genuine and increasing Israeli concern and protest. There have been large demonstrations in the main Israeli towns against the settlement policies of the present government, and they continued while I was there. The New Outlook and Peace Now movements gather strength and support.

So having referred to the extent and the limitation of the obstacles to peace what are the favorable factors in the present situation?

The main development is the rising tide of international opinion in favor of Palestinian rights. It is surprising that this has come so late, for the main arguments for supporting Palestinian claims have been clear for more than a decade. Israeli provocation and U.S. blunders have no doubt contributed to the new international awareness, and encouragement of the Palestine cause. Another factor has no doubt been the responsible and united action by the Palestine mayors in the face of so much petty interference and restriction, defending their support of the PLO and protesting together at the continuation of Israeli military domination.

But whatever the reasons there is now without doubt an international recognition as never before of the need to save the Palestinian people from a fate of landless subservience and to save Israel from an unworthy course bound to lead to mounting opposition amongst Palestinians and in the Arab countries and in the wider world.

The *Jerusalem Post* says in its leader of the 18th March:

"The harder Mr. Begin plumps for Israel's inalienable right to settle and retain Judea, Samaria and Gaza in perpetuity, on behalf of the Jewish people, the harder it becomes for even Israel's best friends to block the designation of Judea and Samaria and Gaza as inalienably Arab (or rather) Palestinian on the strength of self-determination".

The strong tide of support for Palestinian self-determination is not limited to Europe where there is now a general consensus in favor of a peaceful settlement on the lines proposed in the 1967 Security Council Resolution 242. Elsewhere in the world there is general agreement, and it is important for the Resolution 242 which made the vote unanimous. So the basic principle of that Resolution — "the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war" — has at least a good chance of acceptance. It is worth remembering that President Carter, President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin at Camp David signed the accord accepting the Resolution 242 "in all its parts".

So if there is such a wide measure of agreement

what is the action required?

Clearly what is needed is an independent, international initiative, a plan which neither Israel or the Palestinians could propose but which both, and the U.S. and the Soviet Union too, can eventually accept.

This will be no propaganda exercise and no mere statement of principles but a carefully prepared and fully negotiated plan for a comprehensive peace. The basic aims have long ago been accepted but now it will be necessary to deal not only with purposes but with methods of implementation, with boundaries, with transitional trusteeship, with demilitarized zones and international supervision and guarantee. The plan must be detailed, practical, complete.

Who can best prepare such an initiative in consultation with all concerned? It seems clear that Western Europe is in the best position to undertake this major task. It must, I assume, take some months in preparation. No doubt an international team, drawn perhaps from the United Kingdom, France and Germany, will be required to ensure that the negotiations are pursued without delay. And then eventually after reference to the United Nations a peace conference, under the joint chairmanship of the U.S. and the Soviet Union might prepare for the signing of peace treaties at Geneva.

I turn finally to one subject of the utmost importance and the greatest difficulty. I come back to the central and fundamental question of the future of Jerusalem. And I make two basic propositions. First, that without peace in Jerusalem there can be no peace in the Middle East. Second, there can be no peace in Jerusalem with part of the population a

subject people and with the Holy Sites of Islam under Israeli sovereignty.

So the contention gains ground that there must be a united City with no barriers between an Arab Jerusalem under Palestinian sovereignty and an Israeli Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty, and freedom of movement and access between them.

I went to see Mayor Teddy Kollek, as I regularly do when I visit Jerusalem. I respect what he has done for the preservation of the beauty of the Old City and its immediate surroundings — and I trust he has never approved or accepted the decisions of his political masters to surround the City with the monstrous ring of menacing high-rise tenements. He takes justified pride in his constant anxiety to establish and maintain good relations between the communities of the City and he reminded me that the Muslims have already been given control over the mosque area. He reminded me too that he himself has advocated two boroughs one Israeli and one Palestinian. He fears that dual sovereignty might lead to renewal of the old barriers which we would both abhor. I like to think however that his practical and deep devotion to Jerusalem will lead him to accept that the City should be united by equality and not divided by domination — under the inspiring conception that Jerusalem must be the gateway to reconciliation and mutual respect and a lasting peace.

Year after year since 1967 we have worked and hoped to see a way forward to peace, always to find our hopes frustrated by distrust and delay.

May 1980 be the year first of hard work and urgent negotiation with all concerned, leading on to a new international initiative and a complete plan of action and a final peace conference.

## Rigging charges mar Iran polls

By Alex Brodie

TEHRAN —

Little more than a year after the overthrow of the Shah, Iran wants to democratically elect a parliament. But the exercise has been marred by allegations of ballot rigging.

President Bani-Sadr wanted a strong parliament. Indeed he found himself inundated with protests about malpractice, thus endangering the credibility he so wanted the parliament to have.

Results so far declared show the clergy-dominated alliance led by the Islamic Republic Party, already in control of most of the seats, won on the first ballot, while the president's closely-knit group of supporters have picked up only a few seats.

Faced with widespread allegations of cheating, Bani-Sadr announced that a commission of inquiry would be set up.

But his initial reaction that the election would be declared null and void if the irregularities were proved to be serious, was toned down. He said some areas were satisfied with the conduct of the election, in others there might have to be a new poll.

With about 40 per cent of Iran's electorate illiterate, the voting system showed scope for cheating. In Tehran voters had a list of 433 names. There was nothing so simple as a tick or a cross required; 30 names had to be written down.

The ban on campaigning on election day and at polling booths was widely ignored. There were also

accusations of bias by officials at both the polling and the count.

Following early results the likelihood of parliament assembling after the first ballot disappeared. In most seats nobody won an absolute majority. Even the date for the second round is uncertain.

The Islamic Republic Party picked up about two-thirds of the seats where there was a winner on the first ballot. A solid block of members whose allegiance lie with the religious parties could obstruct Bani-Sadr.

He wanted parliament to back him and give him the muscle to exert his authority. One of his main aims is to neutralize the numerous alternative power centers that still flourish, and strengthen central control.

This policy received a slight boost from Ayatollah Khomeini, still the only authority revolutionary Iran will obey. The ayatollah has announced an amnesty for some political criminals, to mark the Persian new year.

He also said no group, whether responsible or irresponsible, must be allowed to attack others. They would be brought before the courts if they persisted.

Whitewash is still common, with the Pasdaran, the revolutionary guards, making many arrests.

It would be a step forward if the courts and the legal machinery, under the prosecutor general, were able to dictate events. —(OFNS)

## Neutralizing the Balkans

By Andrew Mackenzie

BUCHAREST —

While President Tito of Yugoslavia remains critically ill steps are being taken for the stabilization of the Balkan countries in the period following his death.

These will take the form of a meeting of the Balkan Conference, probably in Bucharest in May or June, 1981. The Romanians will propose a scheme for the neutralization of the Balkans, which include Romania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey and Albania.

Belgrade is unlikely to be chosen for the conference because the Yugoslav leadership will not want to draw Russian attention to their role in the plan.

Yugoslavia and Romania feel threatened by the possibility of Soviet invasion, following Tito's death, but this is unlikely while the Russians are so heavily involved in Afghanistan. If a scheme for increased cooperation in the Balkans can be finalized in the next few years the chances of Russian adventurism there are correspondingly lessened.

Lively controversy is bound to be aroused by another Romanian proposal for disarmament, particularly of nuclear weapons, because the Balkan Bloc includes members of the Warsaw Pact (Romania and Bulgaria), and NATO (Turkey).

The Russians, who count the Bulgarians as a loyal ally, will almost certainly pressure them not to become involved in any such scheme, but the Bulgarians may be unwilling to forgo the economic

benefits that membership of the conference bestows.

The Balkan Conference, set up four years ago, has functioned so far at ministerial or senior official level on subjects such as transport and telecommunications, tourism and trade, and joint projects, but this time, in view of the gap that will be caused by Tito's absence from the political stage, both Yugoslavia and Romania feel that the next meeting should be at head of state level and deal mainly with the political situation in the Balkans.

Tito and President Ceausescu of Romania met as recently as last November in Bucharest. A joint communiqué afterward said that "top-level dialogue has clearly and tellingly highlighted the will of Romania and Yugoslavia to further and step up joint enterprises on the world scene, in the fight for a climate of peace, equity and justice, of dignity of all nations".

Both leaders also called for the creation of a climate of peace and cooperation in Europe and the adoption of energetic and efficient measures of general and complete disarmament, chiefly nuclear.

After the meeting Tito's health declined, and the initiative for the steps decided on passed to Ceausescu, who can be expected, in Tito's absence, to emerge as the most dominant figure in Balkan politics.

Although Romania is a member of the Warsaw Pact, Ceausescu's attitude has been determinedly neutralistic and he has refused to have Russian troops or missiles on his country's soil. —(OFNS)

## saudi press review

*Al Nadwa* and *Al Bilad* Sunday led with the South Yemen Foreign Minister's visit to Riyadh carrying a message from the Yemeni President for King Khalid. In a lead story, *Al Medina* quoted Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi as saying he will visit Riyadh soon to have talks with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd. *Al Riyadh* reported in a lead story that a proposal to set up an Islamic Common Market and an Islamic Commercial Center in Morocco was being studied by the Muslim World League. *Al Jazirah* said in its lead that the Security Council will meet Monday despite U.S. pressures to postpone a debate on the Palestine issue. *Okaz* flashed its lead with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's statement that South Yemeni Foreign Minister Salem Muhammad's visit to the Kingdom provides a good opportunity to develop bilateral relations and boost cooperation between the two countries.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia as saying his government has agreed in principle to grant air and naval facilities to the U.S. *Al Riyadh* trooped a statement by the Indian Institute of Defense Studies that Pakistan might explode its first nuclear bomb sometime this year. In another front-page story, the paper said King Hussein of Jordan cancelled his visit to Washington as the U.S. State Department tried to "impose" the time of the visit. *Al Bilad* played as its front-page story a loan of \$47.32 million which the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has agreed to give to several countries of Latin America, Asia and Africa. Israel's pressure on the U.S. to fulfill its commitments on oil supply figured as a main front-page story in *Al Nadwa*, while *Al Medina* highlighted a statement by the Somali delegate to the Arab League that the refugee condition was grave and necessitates a quick move by

the Arab and Islamic states to help more than 1.2 million refugees.

In an editorial on the Palestine situation, *Al Medina* said that despite PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's declared concept of a secular state of Palestine, the Zionists still insist that the PLO's goal continues to be the destruction of Israel. The paper said it will not be unnatural for the PLO to work in this direction so long as Israel is dead set on annihilating the people of Palestine. It said the PLO is compelled to intensify its diplomatic campaigns in the world to confront the lies spread by Begin and Sadat.

The paper described PLO's foreign relations committee chairman Khaled Al-Hassan's statement on a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation as a "revolution" in the Palestinian stance. It said that this statement should belie the logic put forward by world Zionism against the establishment of a Palestinian state in between Jordan and

Israel.

Commenting on the South Yemeni Foreign Minister's visit to the Kingdom, *Al Nadwa* endorsed Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's views that the Yemeni minister's visit provides a good opportunity for developing bilateral relations and boosting cooperation in many fields. The paper further hailed the Yemeni minister's statement that his visit symbolized South Yemen's deep understanding of the need for stability, peace and joint efforts in removing the causes of tension in the area.

The paper described the two ministers' views as an auspicious beginning of a dialogue between the two countries. It hoped that the visit of the Yemeni official will be successful on the bases of faith and Arabism as well as solidarity among the Arab people.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al Bilad* said the two foreign ministers concentrated on peace and stability in the region, which

was a pressing need of the present age if the region were to be kept free from foreign interventions.

*Al Jazirah* regretted that, despite all its relations with the Arab states, the United States was adamant on pursuing a policy that jeopardizes all international attempts to do justice with the Arab cause. Instead of pressuring a postponement of the Security Council debate on Palestine and threatening to use the right of veto, the paper said, the U.S. would have done better to allow international efforts to find an alternative formula to settle the Middle East dispute.

The paper said, however, that the positive pressure of the international community proves that the superpowers, mainly the U.S. and the Soviet Union, no longer wield much influence and that the countries of the Third World have come to know how to play their part to give effective support to the causes of right and justice in the world.

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## An Israeli professor speaks out

# Israel in decay: war or fascism?

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Professor Israel Shahak, chairman of Israel's Civil and Human Rights League, says Israel is heading a crisis that could result in the rise of a

fascist dictatorship or a pre-emptive war against the Arabs.

Shahak, professor of organic chemistry at Jerusalem's Hebrew University and a leading anti-Zionist activist, says the crisis is being brought on by the rapid deterioration of

Israel's economy, with an inflation rate now exceeding 150 per cent a year.

Israelis are so concerned about basic economic questions, surviving an inflationary spiral that shows no sign of ending, that Zionism as an ideology is in a state of collapse,

Shahak says.

"Zionism, what you could call state patriotism or state worship, has been collapsing over the past two or three years, especially last year, when in June inflation crossed the 50 per cent line."

Shahak is presently on a speaking tour of the United States.

Zionism today survives only among a small segment of the Israeli population, those taking part in the "return to religion" so closely associated with the settlements question, Shahak said. "This return to religion has been exaggerated by the media. There is such a wave, especially among young people of the upper classes, the Ashkenazi upper classes. This wave involves extreme patriotism, and hatred of Arabs — in fact not just of Arabs but of all non-Jews."

"Only those people who have returned to religion or are influenced by religion continue to be Zionists. The only people, practically, who are coming from the West to settle in Israel are religious Jews."

Shahak admitted that this religious movement had "some impact," given its upper-class origins. "But there is also underneath — unreported in the Israeli press a very powerful wave against religion. This is because religion is associated with Begin's Likud government, which is now very unpopular, and with corruption. The whole of Israel is corrupt, but the religious parties are even more so."

Economic chaos and the unpopularity of the Begin government are leading to a crisis in Israel, Shahak said. This crisis could result in any one of a number of outcomes, the most likely being a pre-emptive war against Syria and/or other Arab states, or the rise of fascism.

"There is a very great number of people on all levels of the population who are now openly saying, 'We need a strong man, we need a dictator.' This is now extremely popular. I don't mean a majority of the population, but I mean very many people. And of course, a man may say in the morning, 'We need a dictator,' and then after seeing police beat people, which also happens, he will say, 'No, I don't want a dictator.'"

Shahak said two factors now militate against a dictatorship. First of all, there is no good candidate for a "strong man." Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the leading force behind the Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, could have filled the bill, "but he has been discredited."

"If Sharon had been cleverer, not associating himself so much with Gush Emunim, and not taking the portfolio of minister of agriculture but something more popular, he could have been the one. Also, there is no popular active general."

Secondly, he said, any prospective dictatorship would have to be right-wing and religiously-oriented, and "the majority of the people are now disliking religion."

But Shahak conceded that fascism could arise in Israel in the form of a coup d'etat



Israel Shahak, chairman of Israel's Civil and Human Rights League.

engineered by an unknown colonel or group of officers. "The officers in the army are very full of wishes to establish military rule."

As for a pre-emptive war, Shahak said the population of Israel is being primed for the attack particularly against Syria. The Hebrew press has been carrying countless articles inveighing against the "Syrian threat."

Given Israel's dire economic situation, there are now only two profitable professions in the Zionist state: "One is security in all its aspects, the army, police, intelligence, and weapons production, and the other is crime."

Over 60 per cent of Israel's military budget is covered by U.S. grants and aid, allowing the country to pay its soldiers extremely high salaries, Shahak said. "After a year in the army, people are paid twice or three times what a university professor makes."

Extremely high salaries are enjoyed by all levels of the military, from clerks to pilots. "The pilots are particularly well paid, much better than, say their American counterparts." Thanks to their high pay, "in this literally starving country, our pilots are going on ski vacations to Switzerland."

Another bonus enjoyed by Israeli pilots is a paid vacation including roundtrip airfare, every two or three years, to any place in the world they wish to go. "Of course they choose the most far-away places, like Hawaii or Mexico. And this is all done with American money. America pays money so Israeli pilots, as an inducement, will have a paid vacation in Mexico."

Another result of Israel's deteriorating economy has been a severe manpower drain. "There are now about three-quarters of a million Israelis living in the United States. These estimates are low, in my opinion. And the majority of those people are staying in the U.S. illegally."

"They arrive in the U.S. on tourist visas, and then stay on, go underground. Some receive extensions of their stay by various illegal tricks. Most of the illegals are living in a very few localities, a fourth to a third of them are in the greater New York area, and there are the usual concentrations in cities like Los Angeles, Miami, Boston, etc. But now more and more are scattered around the country."

## An "artificial" middle class?

# Giving Soweto a stake in the system

By Caryle Murphy  
The Washington Post

SOWETO — An eight-room house, two cars parked outside and family vacations in neighboring countries are all signs that Jacob and Angeline Makwetla and their three children have more than most people in Soweto. Families like the Makwetlas have also become a high priority in the policies of the South African government as it seeks ways to retain political dominance over the black majority and still avert the revolution that a Prime Minister Pieter W. Botha has said his fellow whites threatens this country.

from families enjoying any special status. Both went to the segregated Turfloop University, about one hour north of Soweto, where they met. He speaks of an "artificial" middle class because the bedrock of apartheid remains intact even though blacks universally say it ought to be scrapped.

Through this intricate mesh of laws and regulations, the government restricts the numbers of blacks who live in urban areas and specifies where all blacks must live and work.

Last August the government announced reforms in the influx control, or "pass" system that gave increased mobility to people

A deeper look into the Makwetlas' existence reveals other factors that negate the comfort usually associated with middle-class living. Angeline, 32, a personnel officer in a large American-owned computer firm, said, "We are second-class citizens in the land of our birth."

They are not allowed to own the land on which their new home is built. They have not opted for the government's 99-year-lease scheme for their house site because they say there is no assurance that their children can inherit the land.

The segregated school system still spends about 12 times as much on each white child as it does on each black. "After 1976, we expected a lot of changes in education, but nothing has changed," said Angeline.

Removal of discrimination is slow. "I was just in Port Elizabeth on a business trip," Angeline recalled. "I thought how nice it would be for a vacation, but then I began thinking about the segregated beaches. It is so difficult to explain such things to children and that's why we opt for going outside South Africa for trips."

The Makwetlas cannot vote for the central government, only the Soweto Town Council to be inaugurated this year as one of its reforms. They could vote for the government of the rural black homeland where they ethnically belong but will never live.

The upward mobility usually found in the middle class does not apply to the Makwetlas in their choice of neighborhoods. Practically, every inch of South Africa is assigned to one race group.

Although the Makwetlas could afford to escape the crowding and crime of Soweto, they have nowhere else to live in the city.

Would they move from Soweto if they could? "I don't think we would," said Jacob. Angeline piped up, "But when I go to Pretoria and see those homes along the highway (in a white area) that have big yards, swimming pools and playgrounds, that's where I'd like to live."

It is dreams like this that make some people believe the government's strategy has at least an even chance of being effective," said Shuyenyane, of the leadership program.

"Let's face it, we live in a capitalist society," he explained. "It's a rat race society," he explained. "It's a rat race to get to the top, to acquire material goods, to get a better job, to educate your children and to improve the matchbox houses we live in, in Soweto," he said.

"But," Shuyenyane added, "there is a catch. The more economic muscle you acquire, the more you become aware of your political deprivation."

"Certainly the political aspirations of blacks are not going to disappear," said Brand, the economic adviser. I think that when you do get to be middle class with upward mobility, you also become more politically conscious in the process," he said. But the hope is that blacks "might be more willing to take an evolutionary path."

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like the Makwetlas, who are among the 1.5 million blacks out of a total population of 18.6 million allowed to live permanently in a city. At the same time, the "reforms" closed loopholes in the system and tightened entry requirements for blacks from the job-starved countryside. Many blacks who held jobs "illegally" in the cities had to return to their poverty-ridden country homes, according to workers at Black Sash, the only organization that assists blacks who fall afoul of the "pass" laws.

"Politically speaking, the government's policy is one of those tactics to create constant divisions in black people," said Wilson Shuyenyane, director of a leadership exchange program. "We are split nationally and culturally and now they want to do it economically."

Black youths are scornful of the government's policies, which they term "middle-classness," as obfuscating racial conflict with an ideological struggle between socialism and capitalism. "Both is discrediting capitalism further by identifying it with methods of entrenching white-minority power," said Curtis Nkondo, a black consciousness movement leader.

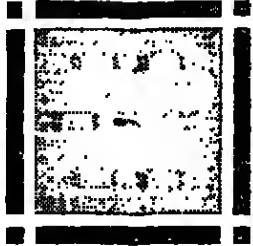
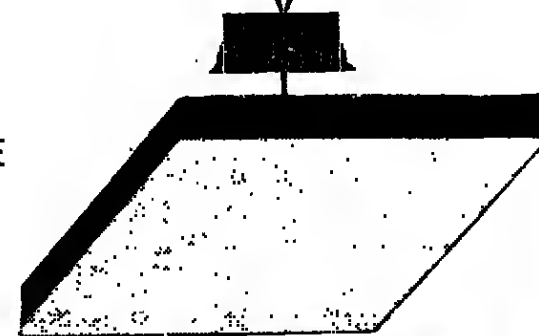
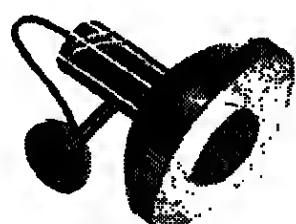
Makwetla emphasized the prevalence of these sentiments in his community and recalled much criticism during the 1976 Soweto turbulence of blacks like themselves who had achieved a certain status.

"The militant students hate the term 'middle class' because they say it makes people forget. They see the middle class as tools of the status quo, and they do have a point there," Makwetla said, adding that such attitudes can put him and his family "in a bad spot."

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## Boeing debuts two-man 757 airliner flight deck

Special to Arab News

RENTON, Washington, March 30 — The most modern two-crewmember airliner flight deck — designed for use on the new-generation 757 standard-body and wide-body 767 twinjets — has been revealed by the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company. The 757 will be the first to be certificated for two crewmembers.

Now in mockup form at the company's Renton, Washington plant, the new 757 flight deck includes the same digital electronic features as the three-crewmember flight deck with which the first new-generation 767s will be equipped, plus an Engine Indicating and Crew Alerting System (EICAS).

"This system will centralize all engine displays for two-crew airliner operation," said Peter M. Morton, senior project engineer for the 757 flight deck. "It will replace electromechanical instruments with high-technology digital electronic equipment and will provide automatic monitoring of engine operation."

The system will be provided by Rockwell International's Collins Air Transport Division, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Like the 767 flight deck, the 757's is based on concepts developed over the past 15 years by Boeing and leading electronics firms. Views of major world airlines and airline pilots were taken into account in designing the new flight deck. The result is the most efficient two-crew cockpit design available on any airliner, according to John H. Armstrong, 757 project test pilot.

The two-crew flight deck features will

also be applicable to 767s equipped for operation by two crewmembers.

Calling on experience gained from operations of the two-crew member 737s, more than 500 of which are operated world-wide by 71 airlines, the new 757 flight deck will have all systems controls within reach of either pilot. Human engineering studies helped designers determine optimum design and positioning of all controls and instruments. Separation of systems controls and indicators required for flight operations from those used to determine airplane dispatch status and maintenance requirements, has resulted in simplified systems panels.

Taking advantage of the economies of equipment commonality, the 757 flight deck will feature many of the same elements included in the larger 767. Forward windshields will be identical, yielding the same improved downward visibility during landing approach. The 757 nose design, revised last year makes possible the most spacious two-crew flight deck in commercial aviation, 24 inches wider at the pilot stations than current standard-body airliners, with greater storage space for aircrew flight bags, coats and baggage. A first observer position behind the captain's seat will be standard, and a second observer position, slightly to the right of centerline, will be optional.

The 757 will employ the latest state-of-the-art digital electronic instruments including color cathode ray tube displays. An all-digital electronics automatic flight management system will not only reduce crew workload, but also contribute to



IT TAKES TWO: John H. Armstrong, project test pilot for the 757 program, is shown in the new-generation airliner's flight deck mockup at Renton, Washington. The 757 will feature equipment which will contribute to a fuel savings of up to 40 per cent.

lower fuel consumption, helping make the 757 the most economical new-generation airliner in terms of fuel burned per passenger seat mile. Use of the latest digital electronics will also make possible improved navigation capability as air traffic control systems change.

Features of the 757 flight deck which are the same as the 767 include: — An inertial reference system making use of laser gyroscopes which are rigidly fixed to the airliner structure, rather than

gimballed gyros as in current airliners.

— An electronic attitude director indicator (EADI) to provide a multi-color cathode-ray tube display of information such as that found on today's attitude director indicators.

— An electronic horizontal situation indicator (EHSI) will provide an integrated multi-color map of the airliner's position relative to VHF Omni-Range (VOR) stations, waypoints, and Instrument Landing System (ILS) beams.

## Bans unofficial magazines

### Shanghai hits black market

SHANGHAI, March 30 (R) — Shanghai authorities have clamped down on black market activities in the city, and have declared all unofficial magazines to be illegal.

Chinese sources said arrests by police in Shanghai over the past few weeks have driven the black-market underground, although some are still operating secretly.

Illegally-imported items available for those with the right connections in China's second-largest city include tape-recorders, television sets, sun-glasses and clothes.

Gold, silver and other valuables are also being traded on Shanghai's black market. One local newspaper a few days ago reported the arrest of several people in the city for selling gold and silver on the streets.

New regulations issued jointly by the Shanghai Public Security Bureau and the city's commerce bureau went into force last month in an attempt to bring the black market under control.

The new rules decree: "It is forbidden to illegally buy or sell foreign goods, foreign currency, gold, silver dollars, fake money, ration tickets for grain, cloth ..."

Those who break the law and engage in private trade, will not only have their goods seized, but they will also be fined.

The rules also encouraged people to inform on others engaged in the private sale of foreign goods.

The regulations declared illegal underground political magazines and literary journals which flourished in many of China's cities, and banned the private sale of photographs, locally seen as aimed at picturing Taiwanese pop star Teresa Teng and foreign singers whose tapes are sold on the local black market.

### Algerian oil output reduced 2-3%

ALGIERS, March 30 (R) — Algeria's national oil company, Sonatrach, said it would cut production by two or three per cent this year for what it called technical reasons. A Sonatrach spokesman denied Algeria would reduce output to 40 million tons in 1980.

Reuters earlier quoted Algerian oil sources as saying that output decreased from 57 million tons in 1978 to 55 million last year and that it would further cut to 40 million in 1980. "These figures are totally erroneous," the Sonatrach spokesman told Reuters later. He said production had been 57 million tons in the past two years and would be cut

only by two or three per cent in 1980 for technical reasons.

The spokesman said the cut would be temporary and production would increase in 1981 to more than the 1979 figure.

Algeria would have a refining capacity more than 20 million tons a year from the newly-completed refinery at Skikda on the east coast would be fully operational.

Oil sources said earlier Saturday that Skikda refinery had just begun complex first shipments would start next week by the Snah. Progress, initial output would have a capacity of 15 million tons a year.

### Ice-smashing supertankers plan

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Shipping tycoon Ravi Tikoo revealed Sunday a plan to build super-tough 350,000-ton supertankers that would have oil shipping costs from Alaska oilfields by smashing their way through the ice to Newfoundland.

The planned fleet of 50 oil and gas carriers, costing at least 4.5 billion pounds (\$9.9 billion) would bypass the Trans-Alaska pipeline and deliver oil for shipment by smaller ships to the U.S. east coast.

The fleet could carry the whole pre-Alaskan output of 2 million barrels Tikoo said, at a cost considerably less than the combination of the pipeline, a new gas line and tankers that now have either around Cape Horn or through Panama Canal to reach the eastern seaboard.

The Kashmir-born magnate said in his own Globtik Co., a Japanese firm, American shipbuilder have proved the ability of blowing through the ice-northwest passage.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of the 10th lot of schools	12	200	April 19
	Implementation of electrical works in schools	15	200	April 21
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Construction of two schools in Al-Washm zone	17/17	100	April 26
Ministry of Education	Construction of an institute for deaf and dumb (boys) in Riyadh	13/M	20000	April 15
Municipality of Al-Khobar	Sanitation of the town and areas under its jurisdiction	14/M	1000	April 13
Ministry of Education	Construction of primary schools model 2 (18 classrooms)	14/M	3000	April 8
Ministry of Communications	Normal maintenance of Buraidah/Shara/Hael road (476.7 Kms.)	500	500	April 8

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Lebanese Lira (100)		98.10	97.75
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.00
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Iranian Riyal (100)			
Iraqi Dinar (100)			
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
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Australian Dollar	1.16833	1.16833
Austrian Schilling	17.1065	17.2310
Belgian Franc	35.4757	35.5887
Canadian Dollar	1.50992	1.42304
Deutsche Mark	2.35928	2.40749
French Franc	65.4536	65.5887
Iranian Rial	89.2164	88.6888
Italian Lira	1112.12	1117.56
Japanese Yen	315.163	314.288
Dutch Guilder	2.62237	2.64025
Norwegian Krone	0.43409	0.42088
Spanish Peseta	166.389	166.7600
Saudi Arabian Riyal	4.22188	4.19596
Spanish Peseta	89.3114	89.8326
Swiss Franc	2.0371	2.0419
Denish Kroner	7.47342	7.50482
Ecuadorian Sucre	31.6483	31.4540
East German Mark	1.36033	1.36033
Kuwait Dinar	0.348658	0.347177
Sierra Leone Leone	1.25259	1.25259
Singapore Ringgit	UNAV	1.01834
Sri Lankan Rupee	20.475	20.475
South African Rand	1.02355	1.04193
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May .....	1408-1408	1432-1431
July .....	1410-1408	1441-1440
September ....	1421-1420	1453-1452
December .....	1463-1453	1482-1481

March .....	1489-1485	1506-1504
May .....	1520-1495	1531-1520
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March .....	1015-1013	1012-1011
May .....	1043-1042	1058-1057
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September .....	1092-1091	1713-1710
November .....	1690-1678	1708-1705
January .....	1682-1680	1705-1698
March .....	1659-1630	1695-1690
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Oct.-Dec. ....	75.55-75.90	78.20-78.30
Jan.-March ..	77.85-78.30	80.85-80.85
April-June ..	80.90-80.95	81.45-83.60
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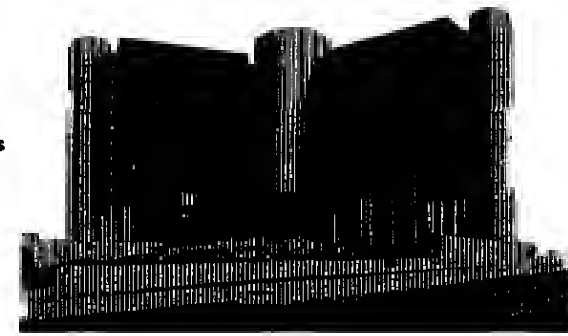
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## Iran insists Carter confessed

# U.S. denies mistake note

TEHRAN, March 30 (AP) — Iranian leaders Sunday insisted they had received letters from U.S. President Jimmy Carter admitting past mistakes in U.S. foreign policy toward Iran. A Swiss official acknowledged his government forwarded a note from Carter to the Iranian president, but said he did not know its contents.

In Washington, a White House spokesman reiterated a denial Saturday by Carter spokesman Jody Powell of reports the president had sent a letter to Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini admitting any past mistakes.

"That denial stands," said spokesman Alfred Friendly.

Asked if Carter had sent any message to any Iranian officials, Friendly said, "I'm not going to comment about that. You've got a

story out of Geneva. I'm not going to comment about the contents of the message they say they relayed."

Swiss government spokesman Hansjoerg Renk said from his home near Bern that the Swiss charge d'affaires in Tehran "transmitted a message from President Carter to (Iranian President Abolhassan) Bani-Sadr. This took place some five days ago."

"We acted merely as a go-between, as a postman," Renk said. "Postmen do not read the letters they deliver."

Asked why the Swiss Foreign Ministry had on Saturday denied it forwarded a message from Carter, Renk replied: "We denied that we were involved in a message to Khomeini. The message we delivered was to Mr. Bani-Sadr."

Renk said he could not immediately confirm the existence of any second message. I have not been informed of this, but I will certainly try to find out."

Bani-Sadr, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh and Khomeini's son Ahmad claimed Sunday that at least two letters from the U.S. president had been received in Tehran admitting alleged U.S. foreign policy mistakes.

Iran has demanded such an admission as one of its terms for the release of the 50 American hostages, now in their 148th day of captivity at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

"Obviously as far as we are concerned the message was correct and we welcome it," Ghotbzadeh told a news conference. "But unfortunately this immediately denied (by Powell), which I understand perfectly well was for internal consumption in the United States...has diminished the effectivity of the impact which this message could have on our public opinion here."

If there are no more denials, "no more rhetoric, I believe it (the Carter message) has some chances of reducing tension and getting on with the business," Ghotbzadeh said.

"Even though there are denials, if they don't continue the denials — if just once for God's sake they keep quiet — I think we may have done something," Ghotbzadeh said.

In an interview with Tehran Radio, he said, "The message was personally delivered to the Imam (Khomeini) by myself. This is fact which cannot be denied. However the publication of the delivery is causing the White House some domestic political difficulties. This is the reason for their initial denial," he said, adding: "In a way, I can understand these domestic problems in the U.S.A."

Bani-Sadr told Tehran Radio he had received a separate letter from Carter on Sunday.

The former Shah, meanwhile, smiled and sat up in bed Sunday after the removal of his spleen while doctors completed tests to see whether he suffered from cancer.

The Shah sat up in his bed for the first time since the operation two days ago, American



Ghotbzadeh: Insists message received.

surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey said.

DeBakey, who earlier said the former monarch would make a full recovery and lead a normal life, also told reporters that the Shah was visited by former Empress Farah.

In another development in Tehran, an Iranian police investigator said Marine Staff Sgt. Michael Moeller, one of the American hostages, was being investigated in connection with allegations he was responsible for the pregnancy of an Iranian woman who was killed by her brother.

The investigator, Ali Akbar Parvaneh, said he was investigating claims that the girl had told friends she had been raped. He refused to elaborate on possible charges against the 28-year-old marine from Loup City, Nebraska.

## Families of hostages say they're impatient

NEW YORK, March 30 (LAT) — Families of the American hostages in Iran, who have largely supported President Jimmy Carter's efforts to free their relatives, are showing signs of impatience with his handling of the 145-day-old crisis.

In the past week, they have organized a formal group, sent the White House a strong letter protesting the prospect of American medical treatment for the Shah and invited a Senate critic of Carter to address them.

Leaders of the group stress that it is still in a formative stage and that its primary purpose, at present, is to imbue members with a sense of cohesiveness and mutual support. But they are keenly aware of the group's political potential in an election year and at a time when public opinion polls indicate growing disapproval of Carter's Iran policy.

In such circumstances, a loss of support from the families of the hostages could prove damaging to the president. The group has not yet criticized Carter in public, but it has made no promises about the future.

"I won't deny that we could become a pressure group, but we have not formed merely for that reason," said Louisa Kennedy, a spokeswoman for the group, which has about 150 members and calls itself FLAG, an acronym for Family Liaison Action Group. "We still support the president. What we are saying, really, is 'beware. We are running out of patience.'"

That patience wore thin, when, before the Shah decided to leave Panama for Egypt, there was a possibility that the administration would allow him to return to the United States for medical treatment. Carter's chief of staff, Hamilton Jordan, and other U.S. representatives had gone to Panama, reportedly to assure the Shah that he would be better off staying there.

However, angered by the possibility

that the Shah would be readmitted to the U.S. — a prospect they felt would deepen the hostages' plight — a dozen members of the group in the Washington area drew up the letter of protest. After being approved by 47 of 49 hostage families reached by phone, Kennedy said, the letter was sent through State Department channels to the White House.

"It was an emotional letter," said Kennedy, wife of Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr., a State Department commercial officer and one of the hostages, "but at this point I don't think anyone can blame us for being emotional. There are, in fact, two sets of hostages in this crisis — one in Iran, and one in the U.S. — and both are suffering."

Kennedy said the letter had not been acknowledged. However, a White House aide said that Carter knew of it and that Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance had drafted a reply. The aide declined to describe Vance's answer, saying only that FLAG should receive it shortly.

At their first formal meeting, FLAG members in Washington were addressed by a former State Department psychiatrist, who briefly described problems they will face, by two Vietnam prisoner-of-war couples, who gave them a firsthand account of those problems, and by Sen. Richard Lugar, who repeated to them the criticism he had leveled at Carter in a Senate speech.

Although Kennedy described that session as "strictly an information meeting," she acknowledged that FLAG members' frustration "probably played a large part" in inviting Lugar, who, with Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, has broken an unwritten Capitol Hill agreement banning attacks on the president's handling of the Iran crisis.

She stressed, however, that the 53 families embody a wide range of opinion, and that no comprehensive survey of their views has been undertaken. "That's one of the things we have not gotten around to doing," she said.

## Tito's condition continues grave

BELGRADE, March 30 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said that there had been no substantial changes in his condition, which they have described as "very grave."

"The health condition of the president of the Republic has not essentially changed compared with the previous day," the eight-doctor panel said in their mid-day bulletin. "Intensive treatment continues."

The phrasing of Sunday's advisory meant the 87-year-old president remained in the "very grave" condition they had referred to a day earlier.

In Saturday's advisory, the doctors said

signs existed that Tito's pneumonia was abating, but his high fever persisted.

Over the weekend the president entered his third month of care at the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia. His kidneys have failed entirely and he has been kept alive by an artificial kidney since at least Feb. 22.

Tito's doctors made no mention in their bulletin of the pneumonia he has been battling since at least Feb. 23, nor did they comment on his other afflictions of heart weakness and periodic internal bleeding.

The president's afflictions developed after the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg due to a circulation blockage.

## Brown sees salvation in Wisconsin

Predicts his campaign will pick up steam in Tuesday's primary

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — After an unbroken record of futility, California Governor Edmund Brown claims that his Democratic presidential campaign will finally start moving Tuesday in the Wisconsin primary election.

On the Republican side, representative John B. Anderson's campaign may stop moving if he cannot win.

With Ronald Reagan far ahead in the Republican race, and President Jimmy Carter and Senator Edward Kennedy girding for a prolonged fight in the Democratic Party, Tuesday's primary elections in Wisconsin and Kansas do not figure to be critical except for the also-rans.

A primary, or state party election, selects delegates for the presidential-nominating national conventions. For Republicans, the stakes are 34 delegates in Wisconsin and 32 in Kansas while the Democratic totals are 75 in Wisconsin and 37 in Kansas.

The Republican convention meets in Detroit, Michigan, in July and the Democrats convene in New York City in August.

A poll published on March 23 in the *Milwaukee Sentinel* found Carter favored by 61 per cent of the likely voters in Wisconsin, while Kennedy and Brown each got about 10 per cent support. No one expects Carter to win so easily, especially after stunning defeats last week in the New York and Connecticut where pre-election polls had shown Carter leading.

Kennedy strategists, however, say they can afford to lose both elections this Tuesday. They are pointing toward another showdown with Carter on April 22 in the big industrial State of Pennsylvania.

Throughout the campaign, Carter has said he must devote attention to the hostage crisis in Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan instead of campaigning personally. He has not changed that policy, but this week the president did attend his first partisan political affair in more than four months. Nor is Carter likely to be swayed immediately by polls which show that Americans want him to debate Kennedy.

Brown, who is governor of California, also



Governor Brown

made a late bid for the presidency in 1976 and defeated Carter in the only three primaries in which both were entered.

This year, however, Brown has won no delegates at all after 10 primaries. He was not even entered in the delegate-rich New York primary because his poorly organized campaign did not meet the requirements for getting him on the ballot.

Brown is on the Kansas Democratic ballot with Kennedy and Carter, but he is not expected to do well in that conservative agricultural state.

If Brown can win anywhere, Wisconsin is the place. The state was a history of support for innovative and slightly leftist philosophies. It also has loose election laws which permit Republicans and Democrats to vote in either of the party primaries.

The 39-year-old Brown, who once trained for the Roman Catholic priesthood, baffles those who want to place politicians in convenient slots on a left-right spectrum. As governor of California, he has enchanted the left with his opposition to nuclear power and his support for Mexican-American labor organized Cesar Chavez, and charmed the right by cutting taxes.

He vigorously opposed a California initiative to slash property taxes, but when voters approved it, Brown embraced the idea so enthusiastically that some people thought he



Senator Kennedy

originated it.

Brown makes no pretense of being a conventional politician.

"The major issue in this campaign," he has said, "is the bankruptcy of existing political and economic leadership in the United States and the obvious lack of confidence in both the Congress and the president."

From Brown's point of view, there is no essential difference between Carter and Kennedy, and very little difference between them and the Republican candidates.

Some commentators saw Kennedy's recent victories as a vote against Carter and his policies on economics and the Middle East, not a note for Kennedy or his policies.

So if Wisconsin voters only want to vote for Carter, they might well vote for Brown. And the person hurt most by that is the Republican Anderson, who wants frustrated Democrats to vote for him.

Anderson, accordingly, has spent much time in Wisconsin campaigning against Brown.

The *Milwaukee Sentinel* poll found that former President Gerald Ford was favored by 28 per cent of the likely Republican voters, followed by Reagan with 24 per cent and Anderson and former CIA Director George Bush with 19 per cent each.

Ford, however, has decided not to run for president. His name is not on the ballot in Wisconsin.

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